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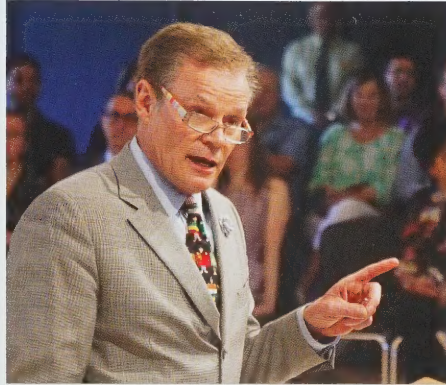
The Creation of Significant Men

By Hal Hannaford, Headmaster

Perhaps it would be much more effective if we just reverted back to the traditional expression: “gentleman.” That might make things easier. For centuries, there has been an attempt to come up with the ultimate adjective to be used in front of the word “man.” We can debate the semantics of the issue, but I tend to drift towards the word “significant.” Therefore, at Selwyn House, we can say with a tremendous amount of pride that we make every attempt to help create significant men. It is rather existential to determine the exact meaning of “significant” in this sense, and to help, I draw you to our ever-present vision. A significant man is a man who embraces the concept of Selwyn House VERITAS. He is true to others, he is true to his school, but above all else (my attempt to sound Shakespearean), he is true to himself. He is self-aware, self-respectful, self-confident, and he develops the skill to be a self-advocate.

Easier said than done, but at the same time it is a fairly straightforward description of the task. Now for a dose of reality, articulated through the greatest challenge of boys’ education: How do we, as a proud boys’ school, aid in the creation of significant men? I am not suggesting that the school environment alone can assume this responsibility. It is far too complicated for this, and I remind you all of the Mark Twain quote: “I refuse to allow school to interfere with my education.” However, school does play a crucial role, and Selwyn House, in particular, pays close attention to this task. In fact, I would be bold enough to say we are obsessed with this responsibility. To be blunt, we take pride in what we do that fosters the creation of significant men. The recent CAIS Accreditation Report (which you can read about in this issue) confirms our success. In that report, the following is stated: “The concept of VERITAS pervades all aspects of school life...it dominates the school’s culture, and provides a focus for ongoing efforts to build a boy-friendly environment in which character education is a touchstone...the visiting committee commends the school on its success in developing a boy-friendly environment in which every boy is known and loved.” From an outsider’s viewpoint, we are establishing the environment necessary before one can begin the quest of building significant men.

At Selwyn House, we believe there are four necessary ingredients required to create significant men. The first is that boys need to establish a clear base of friends. Any definition of our current male crisis starts with the premise that men do not develop lasting and meaningful friendships. Their lack of meaningful, deep relationships is at the heart of this crisis. Boys are desperate to develop a true sense of friendship,



and they instinctively understand that friendship takes a great deal of effort and that friends enable a person to navigate the most difficult periods in life. What is true and what is so important is that boys who attend boys’ schools tend to keep their high-school friends for life. Boys need an environment where friendship can flourish for them, and our current environment (as indicated by the CAIS report) is, therefore, enabling.

Secondly, boys need effective and legitimate male role models. Obviously, this puts (as it should) a great deal of pressure on fathers, but at the same time, every male member of our faculty is cognizant of the fact that they are male role models to all our boys. Boys need to witness integrity, honesty, passion, empathy, vulnerability, displays of emotion other than anger, hard work, and love from other men. And they need to experience and witness this on an ongoing basis.

Thirdly, while the presence of male role models is important, a boy will have an exceedingly difficult time becoming a significant man without substantial and constant influence from women. It all starts with Mom, and it is becoming increasingly clear that the single greatest contributor to a man’s happiness happens to be the relationship he has with his mother. Over the past fifty years, boys’ schools have evolved to the point that virtually fifty per cent of the faculties of any boys’ school are women, and the same percentages can be found in leadership positions. One advantage women have is their ability to quickly and accurately define significance, and through that knowledge and influence, boys experience and learn much. Women cannot be men, but they sure know what a good man is. They know the path towards building significant men. Today, it is not about how we as men feel about women; rather, it is about how women feel about us as individual men.

Finally, and most importantly for me, if any boy is going to develop into a significant man, he cannot miss boyhood. This at first sounds rather obvious but let me assure you, it is not. So many institutions (especially schools) make every attempt to take the boy out of a boy. Boyhood can be messy, disorganized, chaotic, and frustrating, but it is absolutely necessary to experience all of this if we are to turn boys into capable, responsible, hard-working, respectful, caring, emotional, diligent, mature, sensible and loving men.

The quest continues. VERITAS remains the guiding principle of light and the development of significant men remains a cornerstone of everything we attempt to do. In the end, it is the greatest legacy we can develop: turning boys into men into significant men.

Former Headmaster Troubetzkoy dies

Alexis Troubetzkoy, headmaster of Selwyn House School for 10 years beginning in 1971 and Speirs Medalist in 1994, died on January 22, 2017.

The following obituary appeared in the January 28 *Montreal Gazette*:

Alexis S. Troubetzkoy passed away on January 22, 2017. Born in 1934 in France, son of Prince G. Troubetzkoy and Princess L. Obolensky. With a childhood spent in the USA, he moved to Canada in 1953. A graduate of Concordia University and Bishop's University, he served eight years in the RCN (R) before becoming a teacher. His career in Canadian independent schools spanned 34 years. Twenty-two years were given over as Headmaster of Selwyn House School, Appleby College and the Toronto French School.

Retiring from education in 1993, Alexis spent 16 years in humanitarian work. The principle activity at the time was the distribution of emergency relief supplies in Russia and then as Church Liaison Officer in various parts of the globe.

A fellow of Russian-American Scholars, he is an author of history. Among his published works are: Imperial Legend: the Disappearance of Tsar Alexander I; A brief history of the Crimean War; Arctic Obsession: the Lure of the Far North; and The St. Petersburg Connection.

He is survived by his wife, Helene; daughter Anne Jankovich and her husband, Bela; son Andre and his wife, Ailbhe; and sister Elizabeth Saika-Voivod. Additionally, five grandchildren: Xenia, Kyra, Miklos, Shannon and Tara.

Kindly consider supporting The Selwyn House Endowment Fund by contacting James McMillan.

A memorial service was held in Toronto February 4.

Mr. Troubetzkoy is generally credited for having brought Selwyn House School into the modern era. During his tenure, he introduced some fundamental changes to the organization of the school.

Having come to Canada in 1953 and gained a degree in history from Sir George Williams University, Mr. Troubetzkoy had taught at Stanstead College, Bishop's College School and St. Stephen's College in Rome, and had been registrar at

Appleby College. So he came to Selwyn House with firm ideas on how a school should be run.

"Mr. Troubetzkoy certainly afforded a sharp contrast to Dr. Speirs," wrote Edgar Moodey in *Veritas*. "With him came a break in the succession of British headmasters who had preceded him, and with it a conspicuous difference in the conception of the demands of the position."

He changed the traditional "forms" into the more usual "grades" and introduced additional sports and functions, such as Founder's Day. He initiated an impressive expansion of the Wanstall Library and its facilities.

In addition to replacing the forms with grade numbers, the five-day week was discarded in favour of a six-day cycle, later replaced with a more practical 10-day cycle. Time was set aside in the day for extracurricular activities. He sought to make the student council more autonomous and improve communications with the Old Boys.

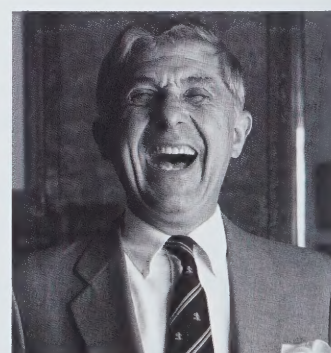
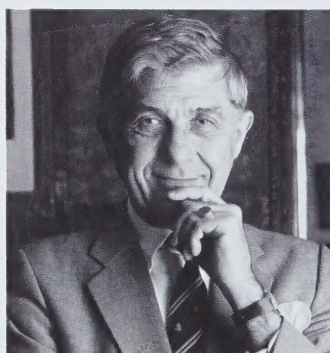
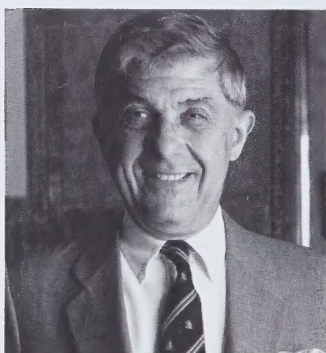
Mr. Moodey says the new headmaster felt the school's philosophy was "too marks-conscious and matriculation-oriented."

Mr. Troubetzkoy introduced new biology labs, a paved rink to allow for a tennis court, and new lighting and more colourful paint in classrooms. He established a Cum Laude Society, initiated conferences such as "Canada Day" and the "Mini-Pugwash," as well as more elaborate drama productions and Athletics nights and improved yearbook and student publications.

"Intensified French teaching, with possibly an immersion course, was clearly the only answer to the political trend in the province," wrote Mr. Moodey. "Expansion of the scope of the science department, in an age with technology encroaching upon all aspects of life, was equally obvious."

In 1973, the school directors decided to accept government grants at the secondary school level. The Lucas Foundation was established to provide a capital reserve, to meet capital costs as they arose, and to finance a greatly extended scholarship scheme.

It is safe to say that the Selwyn House we see today owes much of its character to Alexis Troubetzkoy.



Troubetzkoy a leader among men

By Jonathan Kay '85

With each passing year, my memories of grade school get compressed into an ever-smaller cluster of scenes. Alexis Troubetzkoy, who passed away in January, features in perhaps half a dozen of these memories, always as a protagonist. He tended to dominate every room by virtue of being tall and handsome and confident. Alexis was descended from Russian nobility, and looked it. His most famous early ancestor was Prince Dmitry Timofeievich Troubetzkoy, who helped take Moscow back from Polish forces in 1612, thus ending the "Time of Troubles," and ushering in the Romanov dynasty.

Alas, my experience with Alexis at Selwyn House coincided with my own Time of Troubles. I was not a well-behaved student, nor one who applied himself academically. Some of my indiscretions were truly outrageous, and would have given Alexis a reasonable basis for sending me packing to Westmount

gymnasium at 95 Côte St. Antoine, sitting with the other Grade 7 students near the emergency exit that led to Argyle Avenue, and directly under the wooden pull-up bars that Peter Govan and David Cude then used in gym class as a baseline to evaluate our upper-body stamina. (William Black was by far the strongest in my class, but I digress.) As Alexis addressed us from the stage at the front of the room, a wise-ass standing a few rows in front of me thought he would impress us all by flipping Alexis the bird while the headmaster was looking the other way. I remember thinking that this was a fantastically reckless stunt, even by my own loose standards.

Alexis was a gifted speaker, and was very much possessed of himself during orations. He did not hunch over the podium and read from notes, but would engage the room energetically, casting his eye about to determine who was paying attention and who wasn't. So it was entirely predictable that this poor, foolish student would suddenly fall



Jonathan Kay '85

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High. But though he commanded great respect (and even some measure of fear) from students, I found Alexis to be fair-minded and humane when I was dispatched to his office for a disciplinary infraction. He had a habit of ending our encounters with some word or gesture indicating that, against all evidence, he had faith that I would end up a success.

Which is to say, Alexis could be good cop and bad cop, all rolled into one. Thirty-five years later, now that I find myself leading others within my professional organization, I find myself falling back on the lessons in leadership he taught me in this accidental way.

One episode from a school-wide assembly in 1979 stands out clearly. I remember being on the east side of the

under the basilisk's gaze, with his middle finger still at full mast. What Alexis did next is something I remember clearly: He pointed at the boy, raised his voice in a loud but not unmeasured way, and declared: "I will see you in my office as soon as we're done here." Then without pausing to draw breath, Alexis continued with his prepared remarks as if nothing had happened.

Through the balance of the assembly, I noticed, Alexis took pains not to glance at the miscreant again—much as you wouldn't pay notice to a fly you'd just flattened against a rock with a rolled up newspaper: It was understood that a swatted insect is more or less what the boy now had become. I also noticed that Alexis took care not to throw the

boy out of the room. He was made to just sit there, appropriately shamed and anxious, an object of pity for the rest of us. (We couldn't stop staring at him, both horrified and titillated by his agony.) Popular culture sentimentalizes kindly old educators who never raise their voice. But in real life, a leader can't always be Dumbledore. He or she must occasionally exhibit streaks of Snape if they hope to earn the respect of the people around them.

Six years ago, after Alexis had retired and moved to Toronto, I became reconnected with him through our shared love of the written word. As an editor at the *National Post*, I would regularly scan the catalogs of Canadian publishers, looking for material to excerpt in my pages. A title that caught my eye in 2011 was *Arctic Obsession: The Lure of the Far North*, which told the extraordinary 18th-century tale of four Russian walrus hunters who were stranded for six years on a remote Arctic island. It was only after I'd contacted the publisher to arrange commercial terms that I noticed that the author was listed in the catalog as one "Alexis S. Troubetzkoy."

From that point on, Alexis and I met regularly to discuss our respective writing projects, and the trajectories of people we'd both known at Selwyn House.

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Former Board Chair David Culver '39

David Culver '39, Speirs Medalist and former Chair of the Selwyn House Board of Directors, died on February 6, 2017 in Montreal, at age 92.

The following article appeared in the *Montreal Gazette* on February 7:

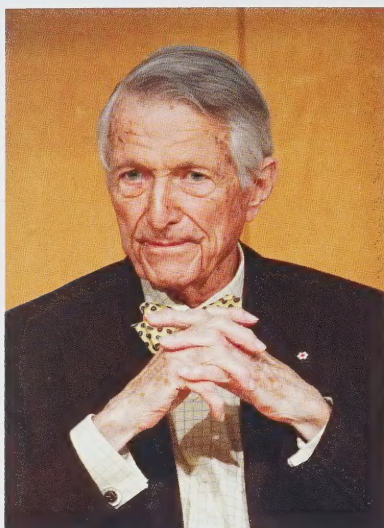
David Michael Culver was born Dec. 5, 1924, in Winnipeg. He moved to Montreal as a child and grew up in the affluent Golden Square Mile area of the city. Culver was predeceased by his wife, Mary (née Powell), in 2014. He is survived by his four children: Michael, Diane, Andrew and Mark.

Culver joined the aluminum manufacturing company Alcan in 1949, and served as the firm's CEO from 1979 to 1989.

In addition to his business accomplishments, Culver will be remembered for Maison Alcan on Sherbrooke St., an award-winning building that married the old and modern architectural styles of Montreal. The building, designed by architect Raymond Affleck, served as Alcan's international headquarters.

*Alan Freeman helped Culver write his memoirs *Expect Miracles: Recollections of a Lucky Life*, published by McGill-Queen's University Press in 2014. Freeman said Culver had an uncommon devotion to his company and its employees.*

"He was really an extraordinary example of a business



was what Canada should be."

Culver graduated from McGill University in 1947 and obtained an MBA from Harvard University. He enjoyed golf and had a membership at Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia. He also kept a summer residence in La Malbaie (formerly Murray Bay).

On May 27, 2014, David held court in the Rossy Agora at Selwyn House for the official launch of his autobiography. Those present were fortunate to be charmed and enthralled by the humorous anecdotes and fond reminiscences of one of the school's most venerable—yet humble—Old Boys.

David modestly describes himself as an undistinguished student when he started at Selwyn House some 80 years ago. "The school was small and I was lazy," he says. Nevertheless, he went to the top of the business world and returned to serve the school as Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1967-1970, during the last years of the Robert Speirs period. David once asked the venerable headmaster whether he could pick out the students most likely to succeed later in life.

"Speirs had a way of looking skyward before he answered," David recalled. "He looked up and he said to me: 'Watch the boys in the middle of the class. The boys who are at the bottom are most often there for a reason, but the boys at the top find it too easy.'"

And what was Dr. Speirs' rule for being a good headmaster in general? "Boys first, teachers second, parents third."

After graduating from Selwyn House in Grade 9, David went to LCC and then to Trinity College School. He received a Bachelor of Science from McGill University in 1947, an MBA from Harvard University, and a Certificate from the Centre d'Études Industrielles in Geneva. He began working at Alcan in 1949, eventually rising to CEO in 1979. While at the helm, David fought to keep Alcan in Quebec. "Montreal is not the place from which to run your business if it's just in Canada. But it's very much the place to run your business if it's worldwide," he told his Selwyn House audience.

"If you have any investment to make in Quebec, now is the time to make it," he advised. "But don't forget, it takes a sense of humour to live in this town."

"In my lifetime of hiring people," David added, "I always favoured people who were good at sports. They spend five days of the week preparing to be perfect for two minutes on a Saturday afternoon."

"Never forget," he said, "you don't have to be perfect all the time; you just have to be perfect at the right time."

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leader, of the kind we don't really have that much of anymore," Freeman said. "He really believed in personal loyalty to companies, and also that the company should be loyal to its employees. He was the quintessential community-minded business person.

"He was unbelievably loyal to Canada, Quebec and to Montreal," Freeman said. "He was the leader of Alcan in the late 1970s through the 1980s during the period of the rise of the Parti Québécois and the big departure of corporate head offices from Montreal. He was loyal to the end to Montreal. And he insisted the company stay in Montreal despite a fair bit of pressure from his board, from investors, and probably from other management members of the company."

"He loved Montreal, especially the multicultural aspect of it," said his daughter, Diane. "He believed that

Mitchell receives doctorate from Bishop's

Selwyn House Headmaster Emeritus Will Mitchell, who led the school for 24 years, received an honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree from Bishop's University at their commencement exercises for graduates in Business, Natural Sciences and Education, held in Lennoxville June 3.

A graduate of the university, Mr. Mitchell received this honour in recognition of "extraordinary achievements," it was announced. After retiring from Selwyn House in 2008, Mr. Mitchell served as headmaster of Bishop's College School, a private school also located in Lennoxville that serves as a feeder school to Bishop's University.

Also receiving the same honour were: Dr. Kathy Reichs, forensic anthropologist, academic, bestselling author and producer of the *Bones* television series; Bishop's grad Reginald Allatt, CEO of Global Excel

Management; and Lynn Pasquerella, President of the American Association of Colleges and Universities and President of Mount Holyoke.

Selwyn House Old Boy **Michael Goldbloom '69**, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Bishop's, said: "We are very pleased to recognize the remarkable achievements of these four exceptional individuals. We very much look forward to having them address our graduating students at Convocation."

"Will Mitchell answered the call at a time when BCS was facing some challenges," said Tim Price, Chair of the BCS Association Board and a parent of a Selwyn House Old Boy. "He provided the leadership, credibility and confidence to enable the school to establish a solid foundation. Will cares deeply about the people and the community which is BCS."

Will Mitchell served as Head of



School at BCS from 2012 to 2015. On his retirement, a posting on the school's Facebook page read as follows: "We can never thank him enough for the difference he has made in our school over the past years."

Troubetzkoy a leader among men

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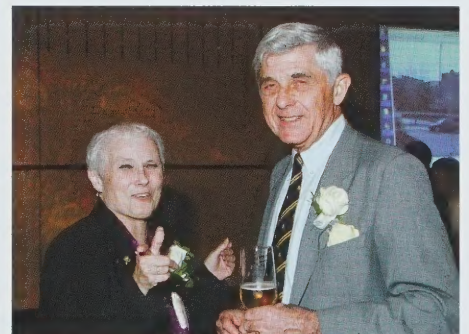
Our last meetings took place last year at Brownes Bistro on Yonge Street, where we would dine with some of Alexis' old friends. I could not help but notice that even as an old man eating cream of carrot soup, Alexis was still a leader among men, guiding the conversation to current events and upcoming vacation plans—while sunnily steering his contemporaries away from the sort of cranky, backward-facing fare you sometimes get from once-powerful men put out to pasture. Whether alone with me, or in small groups, Alexis had a habit of giving structure to a conversation by proactively introducing new topics, like a seminar instructor in an advanced placement course—often by way of an amusing anecdote or a clever observation. He would then sit back and watch the discussion unfold.

I began meeting with Alexis for

lunches in part because I was anxious to show my old headmaster that I had made something of life, and that his faith in me all those years ago was justified. But in short order, I began appreciating these outings for their own sake. I am now old enough to anticipate the day that I, too, will be put out to pasture, and (God willing) will have to manage the long days of my retirement. If I am half so active as Alexis—who kept writing books, engaging lovingly with friends and family, traveling the world, and supporting important philanthropic causes, till almost the last days of his life—I will count my last chapter as a success.

Even in my Time of Troubles, during which I stumbled around half-blind in a fog of adolescent narcissism, I knew, on some level, how lucky I was to receive a Selwyn House education. Alexis Troubetzkoy never taught any of my

classes, and my only truly substantive childhood interactions with him came after I had done something abominable. Yet despite this, he managed to inspire me in a way that (I hope) will endure until I am old and gray. And I would be surprised if hundreds of other Selwyn House graduates would not report much the same.



Former SHS Librarian, the late Virginia Ferguson with Mr. Troubetzkoy

Speirs Medal 2016 goes to Colin Boyle



Colin Boyle, left, receives the Speirs Medal from Headmaster Emeritus Will Mitchell.

Retired Selwyn House coach, teacher and Director of Studies Colin Boyle received the 2016 Speirs Medal during the school's Founder's Day celebrations on November 24.

The Speirs Medal, named for former Headmaster the late Dr. Robert Speirs, is the highest honour the school can bestow upon any member of its community. It is presented each year as part of the school's observance of Founder's Day, as an occasion to honour the school's founder, Captain Algernon Lucas.

"We're all advised to try to lead full and balanced lives," said retired Headmaster Will Mitchell in his introduction of Colin. "It's not easy to do. But I know no one who comes as close to doing it as Colin."

Beginning in 1982, Colin taught chemistry to Grades 10 and 11, and set about to, in his own words, "make things happen in the classroom."

"Colin had a unique and sometimes explosive way of doing this," said Mr. Mitchell. "His pyrotechnical demonstrations could often be heard throughout the school, and more than once ended with a visit from the local fire department."

Colin also taught Grade 8 biology and Grade 9 science, and coached Midget Basketball and Bantam and Grade 7 Football.

Part of the balance Mr. Mitchell referred to can be seen in Colin's strong sense of family, his wife, Joan, his daughter, Kristen, and his three grandchildren. Some of his most successful seasons coaching basketball were accomplished with the help of his co-coach, his son, Kevin, who graduated from Selwyn House in 1997.

Mr. Mitchell pointed to Colin's own athletic successes, his university days as a standout wide receiver at McGill and in adult football and basketball associations. "He

brings his experiences into very successful coaching of both those sports."

As Director of Academics, Colin had the endless, thankless task of scheduling all the school's classes. At one point the school decided to bring in a firm to computerize the timetable. After studying the situation and all its variables, the crew threw up their hands and said they couldn't do it.

"We stuck with the wonderful computer in Colin's head, and we were well and efficiently served," said Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell said that the essence of good schooling can be distilled down to three elements: caring, fairness and integrity. "They have to be embedded in every word the institution utters and in every action it takes."

"Colin has lived up to what those words mean," he continued. "He has been a wonderful example, both personal and professional, for all of us."

In thanking the school for honouring him, Colin offered two pieces of advice. The first: "Be a good listener." He learned this lesson from his basketball team, and it inspired him to change his coaching style, with great success.

His parting advice: "Don't brag."

"If you are really good at something, somebody else will point it out for you."

As did Will Mitchell, when he described Colin as, "The picture of a balanced life."

Also during the Founder's Day program, retired Selwyn House French teacher Nancy Allard-Coutu was named an Honorary Old Boy by the Old Boys' Association and recognized for 25 years of service to the school. Former school chef Francis Vaclair was also named an Honorary Old Boy. Parent Association Chair Heather Martin and executive member Nancy Berney received the Nancy Pitfield Memorial Award for volunteerism.



Previous Speirs Medalists, from left: Will Mitchell, Ted Claxton '73, Rob Wearing, William Daly '53, Colin Boyle, Martin Rondeau, Elaine Pinchuk, John Hallward '78 and Bryan Fitzpatrick '74.

Carol Manning receives Sovereign's Medal

Carol Manning, Selwyn House Head of Middle School, received The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers in a ceremony at the P. K. Subban Atrium of the Montreal Children's Hospital on Wednesday, March 1. This prestigious award recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields.

Ms. Manning was nominated for her decades of work with a number of local charities, including Christchurch Cathedral and the NDG Food Bank.

She says her volunteer activities serve a dual purpose: not only helping the needy, but also planting the seeds of charity among her students "to ensure that there will be volunteers out there in the future."

"I'm trying to teach the students to become lifelong volunteers."

Ms. Manning insists that, when students help out at Christchurch, they should bring along a parent. This, she says, deepens the experience for the whole family and ensures that the seeds of charity take root.

Middle School English and history teacher Matt McCarney wrote a letter



**Governor General David Johnston
with Carol Manning**

nominating Ms. Manning for this award last June.

"She has grown and fostered a culture of caring and giving in our school that will make our students better men in the long term," Mr. McCarney wrote.

"We now have many student-led initiatives (overseen by Carol) that

include book drives, winter clothing drives for children who lack such necessities, and the NDG Food Bank. In fact, Carol and the Grade 7 students were recently given the Food Bank's Outstanding Contribution Award for their sustained giving."

Like many active volunteers, Ms. Manning's charity work has become second nature, such that she was incredulous that she would receive an award for it. In fact, when the email arrived announcing her honour, she thought it was a joke and deleted it.

No joke. Along with a dozen other winners, including Dr. Nicolas Steinmetz of the Montreal Children's Hospital and a little-known hockey player named P.K. Subban, Ms. Manning was summoned by the Queen's representative in Canada, Governor General David Johnston, to the March 1 ceremony. The presence of Subban in the Hospital atrium that bears his name gave an extra media buzz to the event.

Ms. Manning is now the humble owner of a medal from the Queen and a colour handbook explaining in detail how to wear it properly.

Message from the President of the OBA



As president of the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association, I would like to extend my congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 2017, who have now become lifetime members of the OBA.

There are many benefits to membership in this exclusive group. The network of Old Boys is always there to support one another in our journey through life. There are Old Boys living and working in all parts of the world, and as my OBA colleague Charles Vennat 2005 point out, none of us ever refuses a call from another Old Boy.

In this magazine you can read about the many events we organize each year, from fun athletic tournaments to Blues Band performances, that keep the Old Boys' camaraderie alive. Some of these are also fundraising events that help many young people, not only within the school but also in the greater community.

We sponsor OBA reunions every year in cities around the world so that our members can touch base with their school family, to keep the lines of communication open and ensure that the blessings of a Selwyn House education are never lost.

Ben Spencer 2000, President, Selwyn House Old Boys' Association

Music a tool for social justice: Jonathan Emile

Jonathan Emile 2003 continues to spread his message of peace, even when mired in legal battles over rights to one of his songs that featured a collaboration with Grammy-winner Kendrick Lamar.

The man who most Selwyn House Old Boys remember as Jonathan Whyte Potter-Mal began creating what he calls “conscious hip-hop” when he was 14 years old. Jonathan describes his music as “hip-hop music minus the commercialization. Music with a social purpose, music that speaks to people.”

But success did not come easily for the poet, author and musician. Before his 18th birthday he was diagnosed with a rare and deadly form of childhood cancer. He underwent surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy, drawing upon his music to help him through the difficult times.

“I realized that I didn’t have all the time in the world,” he says. “I discovered mortality.”

Through sheer determination he launched MindPeaceLove Enterprises, a promotion and management agency, record and film production house and clothing merchandising company. In 2015, Emile released his first studio album, *The Lover/Fighter Document*.

Not long afterward, Jonathan



Jonathan Emile entertains and educates the IBSC Conference crowd.

a takedown order to have the song removed from the Internet.

Jonathan objected and the situation turned into what has been described as a “David and Goliath” court case. In late 2016, the court decided in Jonathan’s favour, awarding him a cash settlement for his loss in the deal.

Jonathan told *Billboard* magazine that

of *Freedom*, a presentation he has given for Selwyn House students during Black History Month.

Elements of African music still can be heard clearly in hip-hop, jazz, blues, rock, pop, in fact in most of the music styles popular today. In addition his own original songs, Jonathan played and sang classics by Sam Cooke, Bob Dylan and Bob Marley that helped give voice to the civil rights struggle in the United States in the 1960s, as they still do today. “Music is a tool for communication and social justice,” Jonathan told his audience.

Jonathan continues to maintain an incredibly busy schedule, studying philosophy and political science at McGill while pursuing his musical career. He has a new album recorded, and is shopping labels for its upcoming release.

“I’m happy with the way things are moving forward [in my career],” Jonathan says. “I’m doing what I love, and I feel I’m communicating my message, not only in these presentations but also with my music.”

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contacted the managers of Kendrick Lamar to see if the American rapper would like to add a verse to Jonathan’s track “Heaven Help Dem,” and Lamar agreed. Working by email, Lamar’s verse was added to Jonathan’s track and the completed song was uploaded to the Internet.

Lamar, who was less well known at the time, has since become a multiple Grammy winner and probably the biggest name in hip-hop. He also apparently changed his mind about having his work appear on Jonathan’s record, because his management issued

he’s moved on from the incident and no longer wishes to promote the song. He’s more interested in promoting his new album, *Phantom Pain*.

Naturally, none of this came up when Jonathan appeared at Selwyn House on May 4, as a keynote speaker and entertainer at a conference of the International Boys’ Schools Coalition on the subject of arts education in boys’ schools.

Jonathan kept the IBSC group spellbound by his presentation, which included an audience participation freestyle rap and an excerpt from *Songs*

Moore wins second Pan-Am gold

Alex Moore 2014 successfully defended his 2016 gold medal at the 2017 Pan American Wrestling Championships, held in Lima, Peru on Sunday, June 12. He moved up a weight class to 84 kilograms and defeated opponents from the Dominican Republic, Colombia and Honduras.

As a two-time Pan American Gold medalist, Alex is now preparing for the 2017 Junior World Championships, to be held in Tampere, Finland on August 1, 2017.

Last spring, Alex won a gold medal at the Canadian Junior Wrestling Championships in St. Catharines, Ontario on March 21.

In addition to winning his medal, Alex was named Canadian Junior Wrestler of the Year for 2016 and the MVP of the Canadian Championships.

Alex and Sam Barmish (both Class of 2014) won gold and bronze medals, respectively, at the University of Western Ontario Invitational Wrestling Tournament, held in London, Ontario on January 28, 2017.

A year ago, Alex placed 8th at the 2016 Junior World Championships, held in



Alex Moore, right, in action at the Junior World Championships

Macon, France Aug. 30 to Sept. 5, 2016.

Alex defeated an athlete from Kyrgistan and a 2014 World Bronze Medalist from India before losing to the eventual Silver and Bronze medalists, from Iran and Russia.

Alex's performance was the best by an athlete on the Canadian Men's Team

Alex was coached at the Pan-Am Games by Selwyn House Head Wrestling Coach Rob Moore.

Penner named to board of Scotiabank

Michael Penner '86 has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Scotiabank, it was announced June 26. "Michael Penner brings an in-depth knowledge of the small- and medium-sized business and energy sectors to our Board, as well as a unique combination of leadership experience that spans the public and private sectors in Quebec and across Canada," said Thomas O'Neill, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Scotiabank. "He is well-recognized for his proven ability to lead transformational change, including turning around a manufacturing business in challenging economic times. His business acumen along with his passion for success will be an asset to our Board of Directors."

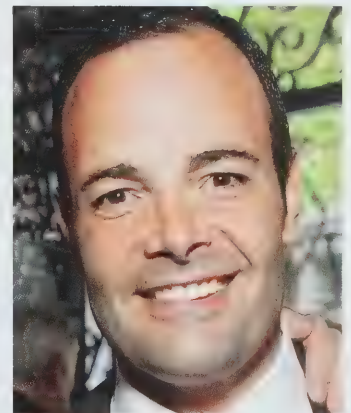
Michael was President and Chief Executive Officer of Peds Legwear (Peds) prior to selling his company to Gildan Activewear Inc. in August 2016.

In October 2014, Michael was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hydro-Québec, Canada's largest electric utility and power generation company and the world's fourth largest hydropower producer.

During his tenure Mr. Penner has led the renewal of the governance practices at Hydro-Québec.

Mr. Penner has been active in the community, serving last year as Chair of the Montréal Museum of Fine Arts' annual fundraising activity and in the past as a member of the Board of Directors of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal, Selwyn House School, Hofstra University School of Law and McGill University Football.

Mr. Penner holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill University and a Juris Doctor from Hofstra University in New York.



Boisjoli, Cabana credit SHS for Juno nom

A little over a year ago, **Evren Boisjoli 2008** and **Nicholas Cabana 2006** teamed up to produce a music video for the DJ/producer Kaytranada entitled “Lite Spots.” The video has since garnered numerous awards and nominations, including a Much Music Video Award nomination for Best Music Video and a nomination for Best Dance Music Video at the UK Music Video Awards. It was also named No. 2 Music Video of the Year in *Rolling Stone* magazine, and was nominated for the Young Director Awards at the Cannes Lions Festival.

Most recently, the clip was nominated for Best Music Video at the 2017 Junos, the premier Canadian music awards show. The album on which the song appears won the Juno for Electronic Album of the Year.

“Of course, timing and luck were crucial to us working together on this project,” says Nicholas, “but we’d be the first to admit that our Selwyn House roots played THE major role in bringing us together.

“There’s just this sort of organic element to the relationships we have with other Old Boys,” Nicholas continued. “Evren and I hadn’t spoken in about two years prior to teaming up on this project, but all it took was one phone call and a few beers, and the rest was history. My hands were already full—I was working on big movie productions such as *X-Men* and *Jurassic World*—but I couldn’t resist this little gem. I offered to help supervise animation and visual effects, and put together a team of veteran artists I had worked with to help bring the computer generated robot to life.”

“Nic was so generous with his time and expertise,” says Evren. “The project would have never happened without his help. His involvement gave life to this great success. It has always impressed me how strong the Old Boys network is.

“The support we received from Selwyn House and, most notably, Bill Bedard, shaped our futures.”

This collaboration was born mostly out of the trust that the Selwyn connection offers. It’s really crazy. My career takes me around the world, and I often meet other Old Boys and it’s like meeting an old friend you never knew you had. People literally open up their homes or connections without question. It really inspires me to do the same; you never know what doors you can open by teaming up!”

Today, Evren and Nic are co-producing multiple music videos and projects with the intention of establishing themselves as a go-to team on the Canadian scene.

Evren is a movie producer, executive and entrepreneur. He is owner of Achromatic Media, and a partner at Fh Studio, a leading Montreal production company. Last year, he produced his second feature-length film, which garnered acclaim at the Karlovy Vary International Film Festival in the Czech Republic



Evren Boisjoli and Nic Cabana at the Junos

and praise by *Variety* and *Indiewire*. He has produced videos for talents such as **Tiga Sontag** (Old Boy Class of 1990), Steve Aoki, Kaytranada, and Daniela Andrade.

Nic is currently a lead animator at RodeoFX. He has also worked at Sony Imageworks, Image Engine, and MPC (responsible for 2016’s *Jungle Book*), and has been part of multiple Academy Award-nominated visual effects teams. Nic has animated on films such as *Jurassic World*, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, *Alien: Covenant*, and *X-Men: Apocalypse*.

Both Evren and Nic credit the Selwyn House media program as a crucial part of the development of their creative drive and ultimate career path.

“Bill Bedard’s media program was one of the major starting points for me,” says Nicholas. “It fueled my desire to explore technologies and storytelling methods. Our curiosity for film and media was always nurtured and, most importantly, encouraged and invited with enthusiasm. Technology-wise, Selwyn’s budget ensured we had top-of-the-line tools and software at our disposal, some of which are still industry standard!”

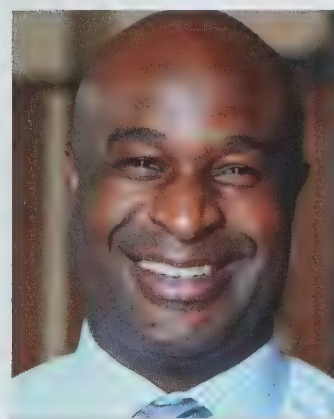
“I was lucky enough to find my passion for film as early as Middle School,” says Evren. “The support we received from Selwyn House and, most notably, Bill Bedard, shaped our futures. His continued support through high school and after has propelled me into the film world with confidence. The opportunities and skills that Bill and Selwyn House taught me had a direct impact on much of the success I achieved at such a young age.”

Spence, Gayton in SHS Hall of Fame

Mark Spence '92 and Chris Gayton '94 were inducted into the Selwyn House Athletic Hall of Fame during the school's Athletic Celebration on June 1.

A multi-talented athlete, Mark is credited with having recorded the highest point total of all time at Selwyn House, including 200 goals and assists in two Juvenile hockey seasons, said Pat Shannon in his introduction.

Mark's acceptance speech focused on teamwork and supporting one's fellow players. "No one gets to where they are without help, no matter how talented, skilled or lucky one person is," he said. "Simply put, I love seeing my teammates succeed."



Mark Spence '92

"Some of my most important athletic moments happened here," he recalled. "Whether it was Chris Brown scoring the winning goal vs. Alexander Galt in the provincial finals in 1992; losing our last rugby game to

LCC after being undefeated for five years; or beating Brébeuf in a very emotional playoff series in 1991. I learned so much about myself during those times."

Chris Gayton '94 went on from Selwyn House to play "big-time Southeastern Conference football," said Mike Maurovich, "and he did it without a lot of fanfare."

A head prefect and honour-roll student, Chris showed "extreme talent, skill and humility," Mr. Maurovich said.

In his speech, Chris said his SHS years and his years in the SEC taught him to not be afraid of difficult challenges and to learn from the bad years as much as from their championship years.

"I carried those lessons with me in life," he said.



Chris Gayton '94 with Mike Maurovich

Torrey named to U. Vermont Hall of Fame

Torrey Mitchell 2002, the only Selwyn House Old Boy ever to play in the NHL, will be inducted into the University of Vermont Athletic Hall of Fame in September.

Torrey had an outstanding career in prep school and university hockey before his pro career.

"A two-time Hockey East honorable mention pick (2006, 2007), Mitchell totalled 105 points in 115 career games over three seasons with the Catamounts," says the University. "He earned ECAC all-rookie honors in 2005 after finishing third on the team with 30 points (11 goals, 19 assists). Mitchell then led the team in scoring and assists as a sophomore and junior."

"Mitchell, who was drafted by the San Jose Sharks in 2004 and now plays for Montreal, is one of seven players in University of Vermont history to reach 100 career points in just three seasons before heading to professional hockey."



Torrey Mitchell visited Selwyn House on May 9 to speak to Grade 9 students.

Students become UN delegates

On March 9, Selwyn House Old Boy **Abhinav Gupta 2009** led a delegation of Selwyn House students to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. These students were the Selwyn House Model United Nations team, and they were preparing to represent the nation of Qatar at the 2017 National High School Model United Nations.

It was the culmination of the Model United Nations (or MUN) program that has recently been gathering steam at SHS.

MUN has been one of Abhinav's obsessions for 10 years, ever since his Grade 9 year at Selwyn House. At that time, with the initiative of Senior English and debating coach Jonathan Bracewell, and support from Old Boy **Vince Guzzo '86**, he helped assemble a MUN club. Unfortunately, the club folded after three years.

Undeterred, Abhinav continued with MUN at Marianopolis and then at McGill, where he was pursuing an honours political science/economics degree. Both those institutions have very active and renowned programs in what is becoming an increasingly popular academic extracurricular, with



From left: Abhinav Gupta, stagiere Harley Nadler, Harry Hosker and Giuliano Cucciniello prepare for MUN competition.

secretariat of the McGill Model United Nations Assembly for two years, and served as a member of McGill's delegation to competitions in Washington, DC, at Georgetown, the University of Virginia, and others.

"At Selwyn House, I wanted it to be an extracurricular that's structured like an academic course," says Abhinav. "It's

are assigned a country to represent in various committees and bodies. They must study that country's position on topics and familiarize themselves with its history, culture, issues and policies.

MUN competitions can take place in a simulation of UN General Assembly bodies, or in smaller national or regional committees or cabinets. Competitors must deal with things such as economic crises, wars, or natural disasters, with detailed proposals and legislation.

"It's as grounded in reality as possible," Abhinav points out. "The level of research requires both breadth and depth; it requires a great amount of reading on the topics at hand."

As he preps the team for conferences, Abhinav aims to teach them basic concepts in political science and international relations, and coach them in how to research, write position papers and legislation, debate, and negotiate.

Over the February 11-12 weekend at Marianopolis, Selwyn's MUN team, comprised of Giuliano Cucciniello, Noah Gelber, Harry Hosker, Luke Kalaydjian, Sean Watson, and Ian

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"The idea is to appreciate the complexities of what the people from these countries deal with. To be able to actually understand what's going on in the world."

thousands of students participating around the world at high-school and university levels.

Abhinav describes Marianopolis as being "extremely competitive" in MUN, with more than 100 applicants usually whittled down to 60 club members. At Marianopolis, "You spend more time on MUN than you do on academic courses."

McGill, on the other hand, has nearly 500 students involved in MUN conferences. Abhinav was on the

both curriculum and club."

"At some schools, it's a full-time course. Some schools even structure it so that you don't pass unless you've earned an award at a conference, but that's not what we want to do here," he says.

Two years ago Abhinav returned to Selwyn House to encourage the school to revive MUN. With Middle School géographique teacher Sylvain Decelles signing on as the faculty advisor, the program was finally rekindled.

For MUN conferences, delegations

Old Boys act as mentors to Gr 11

On November 29, Old Boys **Tim Hadjis 2009**, **Willem Gagnon 2015**, **Sterling Mitchell 2012** and **Matthew Rossy 2012** paid a visit to Selwyn House to speak to Grade 11 students about what they can expect when they leave the school and move on to CEGEP and university. These four Old Boys were joined by **Reid Hannaford 2012**, who spoke to the students by Skype from New York, where he is in his third year in film production at NYU.

In his opening remarks, SHS University Guidance Counsellor Pat Shannon cautioned students not to expect their academic future to be predictable. "Your route to being employed is bound to be very circuitous," he said.

There was a great degree of commonality among the messages from the Old Boys. Reid Hannaford began his advice with his list of basic student skills: "Pay attention, take written notes, be engaged and build relationships with your professors."

After Selwyn House, Willem Gagnon began studying at Brébeuf, but switched to Centennial. He also stressed the importance of note taking and paying attention in class, but also mentioned time management, specifically to hit the ground running in first semester.

"It's important that your number-one priority is school," he said.

Matt Rossy went to Dawson, switching from Commerce to Social Sciences after his first year, then moving on to Concordia's John Molson School of Business. He pointed out something that became a recurring theme as the discussion went on: "You gotta hand things in on time." He also suggested the advantages of working part-time as a way of balancing one's life after high school.

"Make sure you stay focused and start taking [school] more seriously," he said.



From left: Old Boys **Tim Hadjis 2009**, **Willem Gagnon 2015**, **Sterling Mitchell 2012** and **Matthew Rossy 2012**

"No one's going to be looking after you the way they do here," said Sterling Mitchell, repeating the cautionary tale of the strictness of deadlines after high school.

"Show up," he said. "Work on your organizational skills. Learn to take notes. Be attentive in class and ask questions. Know your strengths and weaknesses. Get involved. Enjoy yourself."

Tim Hadjis attended Marianopolis in Health Sciences, then went to McGill for a degree in physiology, then on to the University of Ottawa College to study oncology and genetics. He is now pursuing a PhD at McGill, studying schizophrenia and depression research.

He emphasized two skills that he felt are the foundation for all the others: the ability to develop a plan (which allows you to reflect and adapt), and the willingness to seek out help.

"This is the most underplayed skill in student life," he said. "But it becomes easier the more you become engaged."

Model United Nations continued

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Mahutte, attended their very first competition, where they also faced CEGEP teams. "I'm very proud of their performance," says Abhinav. "They went above and beyond."

With some conferences, the resolutions that come out of the Model UN are forwarded to the real UN, to be considered as policy recommendations.

Delegates are judged on the quality of their debate and proposals, the degree of

diplomatic cooperation and/or ability to manipulate other countries or country blocs, and whether or not their proposals or legislation pass in committee.

"Perspective is the main thing MUN gives you," says Abhinav. Students may come to realize how much our preconceptions colour our views of other countries. "The idea is to appreciate the complexities of what the people from these countries deal with. To be able to actually understand what's going on in

the world."

MUN, he says, "Gives you an understanding of the world that is unique and important."

Worldwide, Model United Nations dates back to Harvard University in 1927, as a simulation based on the League of Nations. Five years ago, the UN reportedly estimated that between 100,000 and 200,000 high school and university students were participating at conferences annually.

The gift that keeps on giving

On February 28, a team of Selwyn House Grade 10 students presented \$5,000 to Friendship Circle, a worldwide Jewish organization that provides services for children throughout the community who have special needs.

The donation represented first prize in the Selwyn House Young Philanthropists' Initiative (YPI), a competition in which teams of students advocate on behalf of a chosen charity. The winning team gets to donate the prize money to their charity.

At the YPI finals, teams present the case for their charity of choice in French in front of a panel of judges.

Four charities that operate locally were in the running at the YPI finals: Friendship Circle, Dans la Rue, Nova Montreal and Petites-Mains.

Earlier this year, students were taught by Selwyn House Old Boy **John Hallward '78** how to evaluate charities

and choose which one is best to donate to, based on factors such as the mission of the charity, how it uses its financial and human resources and how transparent it is. These all help students decide which charity produces the most impact from a donor's dollar.

Courtney Prieur, who runs the YPI program at Selwyn House, said that YPI also helps students get to know their community better, and helps charities by raising their profile in the community. The program, she said, helps students "understand charities, the work they do and the difference they can make."

When the judges' decision was announced, the \$5000 cheque went to the team of Alex Singer, Josh Ginsberg, Nicholas Fon and Gabriel Trottenberg and their chosen charity: Friendship Circle.

Since YPI was launched 13 years ago, over 400,000 students have taken part



John Hallward at Selwyn House

in the program, and have awarded over \$12 million in grants to charities across Canada, the United Kingdom and New York City.

Selwyn VERITAS is real: CAIS report

Last year, Selwyn House School was evaluated by a committee of education professionals who reported back to the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools organization. Recently, Selwyn House received a letter summarizing the results. Below is an excerpt from that letter:

Tom Matthews, Head of St. George's College, chaired the eight-person team who reviewed the school in November. In their Visiting Committee Report, the team was complimentary about many aspects of Selwyn House and Tom wrote the following in the introduction:

"The Visiting Committee was struck by the school's positive culture and pervasive boy-friendly environment. The students at Selwyn House love their school, and they readily express the way in which they value the strong and positive relationships that they have with one another, as well as with their teachers and coaches. The boys also interacted confidently and respectfully with the members of the Visiting Committee. It was easy to engage them in conversation, and we were impressed by the fact that so many of them made a point of shaking our hands and looking us in the eye as they introduced themselves. At Selwyn House, the ideal that every boy should be known and loved is becoming a reality within a dynamic and highly supportive learning environment.

"The Visiting Committee commends the school on its success in developing a boy-friendly environment in which every boy is known and loved.

"The emphasis on relational learning at Selwyn House is integral to its identity as a boys' school. Moreover, in recent years, the school has become more deliberate and systematic in understanding the learning needs of boys and in implementing boy-friendly programs and instructional practices. On our tour, the boys spoke excitedly about their new woodworking shop and multimedia lab, and the Visiting Committee was impressed by new facilities, such as the renovated classrooms and boy-friendly furniture in the lower level of the Macaulay Building.

"Similarly, significant progress has been made in exploring experiential learning and in broadening the faculty's repertoire of instructional strategies.

"Central to this process has been the school's involvement with the International Boys' Schools Coalition (IBSC). In addition to participating in the IBSC Annual Conference, Selwyn House has made ample use of the organization's research on boys' learning and currently is considering the possibility of hosting the IBSC Conference in 2019.

"The Visiting Committee commends the school on its commitment to boys' education."

Josh Wolfe seeks common ground



Josh Wolfe (left) with Grade 9 student Joshua Cohen

During his time at Princeton University pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Middle Eastern studies, **Josh Wolfe 2002**, spent a summer living in the West Bank, where he worked at a summer camp for Palestinian children.

While raised in a Jewish home, Josh grew up not knowing very much about the situation in the Middle East or Israel, aside from what he had learned from his father and the occasional headline in the news. A 2005 trip to Israel changed all of that. Travelling to the Maccabiah games with the Canadian team for track and field, Josh discovered Israel for the first time. The trip, and tour of the country, had such a huge impact on him that he felt he needed to learn more.

Upon returning to Princeton, he took an introductory class on the Middle East and, from that point onward, would dedicate his studies to achieving a better understanding of Israel and the conflict surrounding it since its inception, but from both an Israeli and Palestinian perspective. This is something he feels is essential to understanding any conflict in the hopes of finding a peaceful solution for all parties involved.

While at the summer camp, the kids noticed that Josh was wearing a Star of David, something that came as a bit of a shock to them.

"I was the perceived enemy," he realized. In spite of this, Josh was able to become friends with his Palestinian companions, an experience that "broke down a lot of barriers," he says.

Josh recalled this experience when he spoke to Selwyn House students on May 3, his second visit to the school this year.

The lessons Josh learned in the Middle East served him well when he returned to Canada and took a position with The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, working for an MNA in the National Assembly in Quebec City as an advisor on a full range of issues, including those related to the Jewish community. He discovered how important it is to form coalitions, seek partnerships and to relate to those with different ideas than your own.

"It always helps to have allies outside your community," he points out.

"When you leave Selwyn House you will encounter a world of differences," he told the students. "It's a growth experience. Embrace it. It gives you a more global perspective."



From left, Harrison Maurovich and Hunter Béria received the Alumni Award from OBA representative Mike Avedesian '88 at the annual Athletic Celebration on June 1. The trophy is presented to Grade 9 student(s) who "performed at a very high level in work ethic and sportsmanship in all three seasons."

Boffey wins 3rd annual Fall Golf Classic



EJ Boffey, left, receives the winner's trophy from Josh Wisenthal.

With a low gross of 78, **EJ Boffey 2012** won the third annual Fall Golf Classic, held September 18 at Caughnawaga Golf Club.

Top foursome, with a team low gross of 331, were: **Fred Langelier, Stephen Letko, Geoff Hebert** and **William Saillant**, all from the Class of 2009.

Boffey has now won the Fall tournament twice, as well as the Old Boys and Friends Tournament in May of 2015.

Playing were: J. C. Azzopardi 2012, E. J. Boffey 2012, Anthony Chiné-Ciarlone 2011, Geoff Hebert 2009, Fred Langelier 2009, Stephen Letko 2009, Trevor Parekh 2000, Matthew Rossy 2012, William Saillant 2009 and Josh Wisenthal '99.

Old Boys' Calendar of Events 2017-2018

Details and registration for each event available at www.selwyn.ca as each event is confirmed.

Tuesday, August 8, 2017:
Old Boys' Summer Soccer Derby
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. WAG Field

Thursday, August 17, 2017:
18th Annual Young Old Boys' Barbecue
(Classes of 2012-2016)
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Coristine Hall or OBA Playground

Tuesdays, Sept. 12, 2017 to Mar. 28, 2018
Old Boys' Blues Band
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Band Room

Sunday, September 17, 2017:
Old Boys' Fall Classic Golf Tournament
9:00 a.m. Caughnawaga Golf Club

Tuesday, September 19, 2017:
Old Boys' Professional Accreditation Speaker Series
7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Rossy Agora

Sept. 20, 2017 to May 16, 2018:
Old Boys' Wednesday Night Basketball
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Macaulay Gym
TBD (blackout dates: Oct 5, 12, Dec 21, 28, Jan 4, Mar 8, Mar 15)

Friday, October 13, 2017:
Montreal Old Boys' Reunion & AGM
5:00 – 10:30 p.m. Coristine Hall

Monday, October 23, 2017:
Calgary Old Boys' Reunion
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

Tuesday, October 24, 2017:
Vancouver Old Boys' Reunion
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

Wednesday, October 25, 2017:
San Francisco Old Boys' Reunion
Time and Venue TBD

Thursday, October 26, 2017:
Los Angeles Old Boys' Reunion
Time and Venue TBD

Wednesday, November 1, 2017:
Grade 11 OBA Induction Dinner
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

Wednesday, November 8, 2017:
Ottawa Old Boys' Reunion
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

Thursday, November 23, 2017:
Founder's Day
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Coristine Hall

Thursday, December 21, 2017:
20th Annual Old Boys' Hockey Tournament
1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Westmount Recreation Center

Thursday, January 18, 2018:
Colin No Basketball Classic
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Speirs Gym/Rossy Agora

Tuesday, February 20, 2018:
Jazz at the 'Rossy' - OB Blues Band Concert
7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Rossy Agora

Wednesday, March 21, 2018:
Paris Old Boys' Reunion
6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Venue TBD

Thursday, March 22, 2018:
London Old Boys' Reunion
6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Venue TBD

Wednesday, March 28, 2018:
Jazz at the 'Rossy' - OB Veritas Blues Club/VIVO
8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Rossy Agora

Friday, April 6, 2018:
OBA Spring Soccer Derby
6:45 – 9:00 p.m. Stinger Dome

Tuesday, April 24, 2018:
Toronto Old Boys' Reunion
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

Wednesday, April 25, 2018:
Boston Old Boys' Reunion
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

Thursday, April 26, 2018:
New York Old Boys' Reunion
6:00 – 9:30 p.m. Venue TBD

Monday, May 28, 2018:
Old Boys' & Friends Golf Tournament
12:30 p.m. Kanawaki Golf Club

Thursday, June 14, 2018: (rain date: TBD)
Old Boys' Tennis Tournament
5:30 p.m. Hillside Tennis Club

Montreal Reunion 2016

A total of 126 Old Boys, staff, former staff and friends attended the 38th annual Old Boys' Reunion, held at the school on September 23, 2016.

This year, special invitations were extended to members of classes ending in a 6 or a 1.

Attending were:

Robert L. Abelson 2006
 Jeremy Adler '96
 Joseph K. Ayas '96
 Johnathan D. Aziz 2011
 Samer S. Balaghi 2006
 Bruce C. Barker '66
 Wassim Bedrouni 2011
 Charles Bierbrier '93
 Kathleen Biggs (former staff)
 Yunes Boucetta '96
 Colin Boyle (former staff)
 Kyle Y. Burrows 2006
 Henry Buszard '99
 Nic Cabana 2006
 Philip Cabana 2006
 Alessandro Cappello 2011
 Wynnyn K. Chan 2006
 Prosanto K. Chaudhury '91
 Anthony Chiné-Ciarlone 2011
 Seber Chuang '96
 Christopher A. Clark '86
 Mary Ann Cloherty (staff)
 Chris Codina-Lucia 2006
 Daniel J. Cohen 2006
 Stuart J. Connolly '66
 Neil Y. Desai 2006
 Chris DesRosiers 2006
 Mike Downey (staff)
 James P. Duffy 2006
 Fayez Elia 2011
 Joseph L. Flanders '96
 Kathy Funamoto (staff)
 Jacques Gadbois '91
 Peter A. Govan (staff)
 Heather Gurd (guest)
 Preston Gurd '66
 Hal Hannaford (staff)
 Sean G. Hatzigeorgiou 2011
 Sean Hess 2011



From left: Ian Ross, Scott Sullivan and Toly von Hahn (all '76)

Vincent-Charles Hodder 2006
 Lynne Johnston (guest)
 James D. Johnston '66
 Henry Joseph '66
 Eric L. Kaplan '71
 David R. Kaufman '86
 Andrew Khalil '91
 Irina Kondratieva (staff)
 Anne Kopley (guest)
 Michael S. Kronish '86
 Gene H. Kruger '96
 Jonathan T. Kwok 2011
 Prasun K. Lala '86
 Albert C. Law '96
 Joseph M. Lewis
 (former staff, parent of Old Boy)
 Andrew Lumsden (former staff)
 Jon Mechanic 2006
 Vinay Mandy '96
 Rehman Manji 2006
 Carol Manning (staff)
 Jack K. Martin '57
 Michael C. Martin '66
 Jack P. Martin (former staff)
 Timothy-John Martoni '96
 Jonathan Mashaal 2011
 John E. Matheson '66
 Christopher D. Matte 2011
 Mike Maurovich (staff)

James F. McMillan (staff)
 Alessandro M. Melotti 2006
 Jeremy L. Micheletti 2011
 Cary W. Miller '67
 Brenda Montgomery (staff)
 Peter Morden '86
 Cindy Morton (staff)
 John K. Moseley '66
 Peter Mylonakis 2011
 Thomas G. Nation 2006
 Huu Thinh S. Nguyen 2011
 Thomas Nicoll (former staff)
 David A. Oliver 2006
 Bruce M. Oliver '71
 Thomas L. Oliver '68
 Matthew T. Oliver '98
 Mark D. Palayew '76
 Stefan Papich 2006
 Matti Parnanen 2011
 Eric C. Pedicelli '96
 Andrew L. Pelekis 2006
 Ellen Pinchuk (former staff)
 Maribel Quinones (guest)
 Thomas K. Rohan 2011
 Ian B. Ross '76
 Mark Sadaka 2006
 Samer A. Sallman 2006
 Brian Sandford '91
 Alan Sarhan '96

Edward N. Schwartz '76
 Jane Segalowitz (guest)
 Sidney J. Segalowitz '66
 Michel Selye '68
 DeWolf Shaw '66
 Adam N. Shiri 2011
 Minna R. Shulman (staff)
 Jonathan E. Skoda '91
 Samuel J. Sniderman '86
 Benjamin W. Spencer 2000
 Gregory Stern 2011
 Ryan M. Stetiu-Otis 2011
 Alan Stewart '66
 Thomas W. Stewart '66
 Shreyas V. Sukumar 2006
 Scott C. Sullivan '76
 Stuart A. Szabo '96
 Justin G. Tabah 2011
 Elisa Typaldos (guest)
 Kristian Valenta 2006
 Charles Vennat 2005
 Anatol von Hahn '76
 James A. von Moltke '86
 Rob Wearing (former staff)
 Johanne Werbiski (former staff)
 Barry Williams (former staff)
 George F. Windsor '56
 Dino Zammit 2006
 Joey Zammit 2011

Reunions

CALGARY

Thirteen Old Boys, staff members and guests gathered in the Library Room at Hy's Steakhouse on October 24 for the annual Calgary Reunion. Attending were: Irene Buckland (guest), Tim Churchill-Smith (guest), Neil Desai 2006, John Drummond '68, Jonathan Feilding '89, Kasey Fukada '84, Taylor Gray '73, Hal Hannaford (staff), Matthew Holy 2008, James McMillan (staff), Kevin O'Brien '98, Andrew Weldon '73 and Timothy Winn '85.



LOS ANGELES

Nineteen Old Boys, staff members and guests gathered at Ye Olde King's Head in Santa Monica on October 27 for the first-ever Selwyn House Los Angeles Reunion. Attending were: Ryan Altman 2008, Anders Bard '86, Lotfi Boucetta '99, Anthony Dépatie 2008, Josh Elkins '90, Hal Hannaford (staff), James McMillan (staff), J.J. Molson 2014, Ross Nordin '76, Martha Palcan (guest), Clifford Pearson '72, Philippe Phaneuf '92, Ian Ross '76, Alex Shiri 2008, Martin Smith '67, Sywa Sung '78, Rick Wade (guest), Tatyana Wexler (guest) and Michael Wexler '88.



PARIS

Thirteen Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the Paris Reunion at Café de l'Homme on March 8. Present were: Timothy B. Bishop '85, Jonathan Burnham '83, James Comyn '87, Derek F. de Bono '87, Susan Doherty (guest), Hal Hannaford (staff), Matthew Jablonski 2010, Sean Laffeur '80, Linda Mackey (guest), Margo Markey (guest), Hugh D. Markey '67, James McMillan (staff) and Fredrik Svenstedt '84.



Reunions

SAN FRANCISCO

Six Old Boys, staff members and guests gathered at the home of Old Boy Erik Blachford '84 on October 26 for the first-ever Selwyn House San Francisco Reunion. Attending were: Erik Blachford '84, Justin Borntraeger '96, Gregory Guttman '85, Hal Hannaford (staff), James McMillan (staff) and Jessica Taylor (guest).



VANCOUVER

Twelve Old Boys, staff members and guests gathered in The Den Room at the Rogue Gastown on October 25 for the annual Vancouver Reunion. Attending were: Richard Bennetts '51, Darren Blanch (guest), Noah Bloom '96, Timothy Charron 2007, Andrew Funamoto 2006, Hal Hannaford (staff), Dave Leong (guest), Ryan MacLean 2006, Keith Martin 2002, James McMillan (staff), James Menzies 2009 and Danny Naami '99.



OTTAWA

Twenty-nine Old Boys, staff, former staff and guests gathered in The Parliamentary Restaurant in the Centre Block of the Canadian House of Parliament on November 1 for the annual Selwyn House Ottawa Reunion. Host for the evening was Old Boy Greg Fergus '86, who was elected to the House of Commons last year. Old Boy John McCallum '67, who has been serving in the House for 16 years and serves in Cabinet as Minister Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, joined the group during their tour of the Commons. Attending were: Duncan Baird '80, Nicholas Chabanne-Salbaing 2012, Bobby Chon 2002, Mary Ann Cloherty (staff), Olivier Duhaime (guest), Gregory Fergus '86, Gail Gavan (former staff), Maurice Gibbs '90, Konstantinos Grillas 2012, Zissis Alexander Hadjis 2012, Robert Hallett '56, Susan Hallett (guest), Hal Hannaford (staff), Christina Harrison Baird (guest), Julie Heath (former staff), Peter Hyde '53, Natalie Lapierre (guest), Jeffrey Lorenzetti '92, Robert Maranda '92, John McCallum '67, James McMillan (staff), Stephanie Minorgan (guest), Judith Minorgan (guest), Rodney Moore '58, Ivan Ralston '61, Peter Stewart '81, David Terroux '54, William Turner '73 and George Windsor '56.



Reunions

LONDON

Fifteen Old Boys, staff members and guests attended the London Reunion, at The Don Restaurant on March 9. Present were: Ross Bogert '80, Alan Cameron 2000, Susan Doherty (guest), Pete Govan (staff), Vince Guzzo '86, Hal Hannaford (staff), Nicholaus Harnack '87, Conrad Harrington 2000, Matthew Kendrick 2007, Anna Krystyna Zarifi (guest), James McMillan (staff), Josh Rosenstein 2004, Riccardo Rossi Van Lamsweerde '97, Bradley White '94 and George Zarifi '79.



TORONTO

Thirty-three Old Boys, staff members and guests gathered at Reds Wine Tavern on April 25 for the annual Toronto reunion. Present were: Joshua Albert '98, Aaron Besner 2005, Dylan Catellier 2010, Mary Ann Cloherty (Staff), Stéphanie Côté 2002, Jason Coviensky 2005, Brian Dawson '80, Dan Fanabaria '98, Derek Frost '75, Anthony Garufi '98, Joshua Gillespie '88, Josh Hanek 2009, Hal Hannaford (Staff), Brendan Keefe 2010, Andrew MacKay '82, Ellie Marler (Guest), David Marler '70, Sean McKinnon '98, James McMillan (staff), Matthew Munzar 2000, Christopher Naudie '85, Malcolm Nobbs '88, Fil Papich '77, Stefan Papich 2006, Nikki Papich 2010, Martin Pitt-Bradley '98, Kamil Roy 2013, Evan Sequeira 2008, Kyam Shell-Schnitzer 2001, Sean Sofin '84, Murray Steeves '75, Graham Watt '73 and Richard Weldon '74.



BOSTON

Nine Old Boys and staff members gathered at the Chart House on April 26 for the annual Boston Reunion. Attending were: Mary Ann Cloherty (staff), Hal Hannaford (staff), Morgan Lackenbauer '97, Taylor Lloyd '95, Joel Lowsky '95, Corey Lowsky '94, James McMillan (staff), George Sopel '86 and Stuart Weigensberg '94.



Class of 2017 are now Old Boys

All 66 members of the Class of 2017 were inducted into the Old Boys' Association January 18 at a dinner put on by the OBA in Coristine Hall.

Although they do not officially become Old Boys until graduation in June, the dinner traditionally serves to welcome Grade 11 students as lifetime members of an exclusive group.

The OBA organizes over 80 events per year for its members. Some, such as the reunions, are merely "friendraisers" or social affairs. Others raise large sums of money for the Old Boys' Bursary Fund, the Old Boys' Trip Fund, and charitable causes outside the school.

OBA Vice-President Charles Vennat 2005 spoke to the dinner guests about the benefits of membership on the OBA, including networking and mentoring opportunities. "No one ever refuses a call from a fellow Old Boy," he assured the students.

For the Induction Dinner, the new Grade 11s are encouraged to invite their fathers, other relatives, or significant friends who are Selwyn House Old Boys. These special guests talk to the students about future plans, and about what the OBA can offer them.

Charles also encouraged the Grade 11s



Matthew Rossy 2012 (left) chats with Luca Di Battista.

to make the most of the short time they have left at Selwyn House. Even though they are probably impatient to leave these halls, they will look back fondly on these years, and they will never get a second chance to take advantage of the opportunities offered at Selwyn House.

"There is no rewind button on life," he reminded them.

In addition to the members of the Class of 2017, Old Boys attending the dinner were: Jonathan Aziz 2011, Charles Bierbrier '93, Jordan Fefer 2013, Charles Gelber '78, Vince Guzzo '86, Tom Konigsthal '74, Geoffrey Reford '82, Matthew Rossy 2012, David Skinner '82, Ben Spencer 2000 and Charles Vennat 2005.

NEW YORK

Twelve Old Boys and staff gathered at the Old Castle Pub on April 27 for the annual New York Reunion. Attending were: Fenton Aylmer '83, Matt Busbridge '99, Mary Ann Cloherty (staff), Hal Hannaford (staff), Stephen Mashaal 2008, James McMillan (staff), Chris Newlove 2001, Adam Rosencwajg 2001, George Stinnes '70, Chris Teryazos '94, Shawn Trudeau 2001 and Andrew Webster '82.



Reds take Nicoll / Mitchell Cup



Standing, from left: Steve Mitchell, Jake Fraser, Sam Barmish, David Dupont, David Smith, Neil Blunden, Dan Ton-That, Fred Langelier, Casey Cook, Jonathan Mack, Chris LaPerle, Dimitri Manousos and Tom Nicoll. Kneeling: David Barmish, Bruce Maxwell, Francis Vaclair, Matt Held and Anthony Lukca.

A team built around seven Selwyn House staff and faculty members won the 19th Annual Nicoll-Mitchell Cup Old Boys' hockey tournament, held at Westmount Arena on December 22, 2016.

Taking part were:

Tim Anderson '86
Cameron Anderson 2014
Drew Anderson 2016
David Barmish 2012
Sam Barmish 2014
Ryan Beauchamp 2015
Colin Bird '77
Mike Bird (staff)
Neil Blunden (staff)
Marty Boyle (staff)
Sean Brophy 2004
Jonathan Brun 2000
Mary Ann Cloherty (staff)
Casey Cook (staff)

Phil Cutler 2005
Nikolas De Stefano 2014
Paul Delplace 2004
David Dupont 2012
Emmanuel Ferreira 2016
Jake Fraser (staff)
André-Philippe Gagnon
(Parent of Old Boy)
Jules Gagnon 2015
Pete Govan (staff)
Dave Haber '94
Camile d'Entremont 2005
Hal Hannaford (staff)
Sean Hatzigeorgiou 2011
Matthew Held (staff)
Chris Jackson '83
Graeme Jarvis '82
Brendan Keefe 2010
Irina Kondratieva (staff)
Josh Koenekoop 2009
Zachary Kott 2015
Christopher LaPerle (staff)
Sabastien Lajoie (staff)

Fred Langelier 2009
Matthew Lindsay 2016
Anthony Lukca (staff)
Jonathan Mack (staff)
Patrick Malouf 2005
Christopher Malouf 2011
Daniel Malouf 2015
William Malouf 2015
Dimitri Manousos 2003
Michael Maurovich (staff)
Bruce Maxwell (staff)
Jaime McMillan (staff)
Steve Mitchell (former staff)
Cindy Morton (staff)
Connor Munro 2014
Liam Nicol 2014
Tom Nicoll (Former staff)
Sasha Papich 2008
David Pascal '82
Kevin Ratcliff '77
Keeyan Ravanshid 2015
Chris Rochon 2002
Cameron Romoff 2011

Andrew Rossy 2011
Matthew Rossy 2012
William Rossy 2016
Jean Pruneau (staff)
Frederic-Marc Saleh 2007
Thomas Savvas 2011
Evan Sequeira 2008
Colin Sequeira 2012
Clayton Sequeira 2014
Tim Shaw 2011
David Smith 2012
Mark Smith (Parent of Old Boy)
Scott Spector 2015
Ben Spencer 2000
Peter Szilagyi '99
Trevor Tabah 2016
Nicholas Thorpe 2005
Dan Ton-That 2012
Alexandre Trudeau 2012
Francis Vaclair (former staff)
Ben Wearing '94
Richard Wills (staff)
Josh Wisenthal '99

Colin No Fund reaches \$187K

Twenty-eight Old Boys and staffers attended the 13th annual Colin No Classic basketball tournament on January 19, 2017.

The tournament is organized in memory of Colin No, a 1997 graduate who died in 2002.

The Colin No Fund, which provides needs-based bursaries for students attending Selwyn House, has recently grown to a sum of \$186,787.

To watch a video of the tournament, go to [www.selwyn.ca/old boys/old boys](http://www.selwyn.ca/old%20boys/old%20boys) and friends.

Photo at right:

Tom Grillas (blue) goes up against Kevin Boyle for the jump.

Photo below, Toby No '97 (twin brother of Colin No) with his family, from left: wife, Chantal Canlas and children Keira, Karissa and Ethan, with SHS Phys-Ed teacher Peter Govan.



ATTENDING:

Marty Boyle (staff)
 Kevin Boyle '97
 Elliot Burrows 2009
 Philip Clark 2005
 Mary Ann Cloherty (staff)
 Josh Dermer 2014
 Mark Esposito 2005
 Pete Govan (staff)
 Tom Grillas 2014
 Hal Hannafor (staff)
 Étienne Henrichon-Goulet 2014
 Arnold Ho 2014
 Robert Joy 2012
 Ziad Kaedbey '97
 Joseph Kano 2010
 Stephen Letko 2009
 Ian Levine 2009
 Ian Marquis '97
 James McMillan (staff)
 Jonathan Merritt 2004
 Michael Mills (guest)
 Cindy Morton (staff)
 Toby No '97
 George Perlman 2013
 Brandon Rudolph 2014
 Karl Schroeder 2009
 David Smith 2012
 Richard Wills (staff)



Golf raises \$64,700 in the rain

The 2017 Old Boys' and Friends' Golf Tournament was a damp one, with showers throughout the day. But the May 29 weather did little to dampen the spirits of the 53 golfers who took part.

This was the 29th running of an event that has become the flagship of Selwyn

House fundraising activities.

The \$64,700 in proceeds from this year's event will help increase the Old Boys' Endowment Fund, which supports needs-based bursaries for deserving students who could not otherwise attend the school.

A portion of the funds raised will also

support the educational initiatives of the Old Boys' Association. Since it was established 11 years ago, the Old Boys' Endowment Fund has been able to offer the equivalent of almost four full-tuition bursaries for Grade 7 students. This is a commitment of about \$65,000 per year for five years.



From left: Connor O'Brien 2010, Tom Spencer 2003, Paul Taylor (guest) and Mel Hoppenheim 2010



The winning foursome, from left: Billy Freedin, Robert Levine, Robert Kugler and Marc Giroux (all Selwyn House parents)



Dave Haber '94 on the practice range



OBA President Ben Spencer 2000 (left) and Vice-President Charles Vennat 2005 (right) present the trophy to Mike Avedesian '88 for the Old Boys' Low Gross.

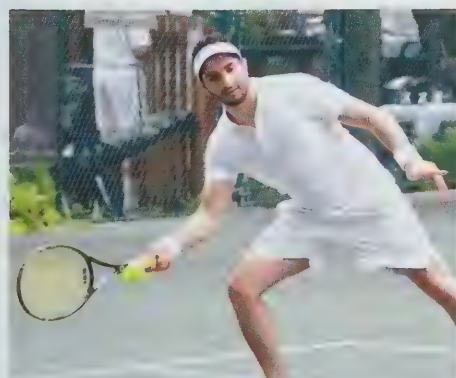
Daly, Porteous now five-timers

William Daly '53 returned from last year's fourth-time win at the Old Boys' Tennis Tournament to see his name engraved on the winners' trophy for a fifth time. **Charles Porteous '84**, William's partner in the final round of the doubles competition, also got his name on the trophy for a fifth time. These two are now in hot pursuit of the record set by former SHS teacher and tennis coach Andy Lumsden, whose name adorns the coveted trophy six times.

Second-place bragging rights this year went to the team of Thomas Rohan and Headmaster Hal Hannaford.

Players were: Johnathan Aziz 2011, Nicholas Aziz 2011, JC Azzopardi 2012, EJ Boffey 2012, Nicholas Chabanne-Salbaing 2012, Ted Claxton '73, Mary Ann Cloherty (staff), William Daly '52, David De Cotiis 2012, Hal Hannaford (staff), Nick Kaulbach '94, Christopher Malouf 2011, Kerry Martin '57, James McMillan (staff), Charles Porteous '84, Thomas Rohan 2011, Colin Ross '51, Andrew Rossy 2011, Jason Tsoukas '99, Richard Wills (staff) and Spencer Wuest 2011.

Top photo: from left: Charles Porteous, William Daly, OBA Board Member Jason Tsoukas, Thomas Rohan and Hal Hannaford. **Middle row, left:** Nicholas Chabanne-Salbaing and Spencer Wuest. **Far right:** JC Azzopardi. **Below left:** Christopher Malouf. **Below right:** Colin Ross and Johnathan Aziz



Graduation: The Angels Among Us

One was more celestial and the other more down-to-earth, but the Headmaster's and Valedictorian's speeches at the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2017 both dealt with the angels among us, those people in our lives who inspire, nurture and support us through the journey of our lives.

Headmaster Hannaford recalled when he and his wife, Susan, were returning home just after she had received a frightening medical diagnosis.

"We both noticed in the sky a cloud formation that took the form of an angel," he said. "Not just some small, obscure design that we had to imagine. No, this was a huge formation of cumulus clouds that clearly was in the form of a massive angel. To this day I remain an open-minded sceptic, but that experience sure had an impact."

"In our own lives there are many angels that exist, and they do have names."

For example, he said, "Your teachers are angels...your parents are angels...

your friends are angels."

"If happiness were an angel, its two wings would stand for your family and your friends, and its halo would be a symbol of kindness."

Valedictorian Dylan Kalaydjian's words followed a similar theme in describing his classmates. "Everyone has an admiration for others, and I find that over the past year, our final year, we've grown even closer."

"We're at our best when we're working together.... We have kids making music together, making movies together and

"And this school completes us. There couldn't have been a better community for us to thrive in.... This is a close-knit, powerfully loving and infinitely engaged family."

Like the Headmaster, he included the Selwyn House faculty among his angels. "The faculty is like this overwhelming barrage of joy in this community. They're so, so inspiring, and I can't thank them enough for being themselves every single day. They've taught me lessons I'll never forget, they've made me laugh a lot, and they've given me the best education you can get."

"That's our community. We've got this electric class, the best staff on the planet, and the most caring, supportive, families out there."

"This community is the opposite of small. We're big, and bold, and

we are rocketing towards the world with so much love, passion, and energy."

"Now, let's go out there, and hit the world with everything we've got."

"There couldn't have been a better community for us to thrive in.... This is a close-knit, powerfully loving and infinitely engaged family."

winning championships in athletics and arts together. We bring out the best in each other, whether we realize that or not. That is what is really special about this class. We complete each other."



Piper Aymeric Barbeau



Headmaster Hal Hannaford



Valedictorian Dylan Kalaydjian

2017 Graduation Prize Winners

Distinction Awards:

The McCall Prize for Art: Jesse Caruso
 Prize for Music: Justin Calandriello and Vince Rizzolo
 The Patricia Marsh Drama Prize: Massimo Di Silvestro and John Duncan
 G.C. Ian Burgess Award for Distinction in Creative Writing: Aymeric Barbeau and Justin Calandriello
 The Byron W. Harker Prize for Distinction in Literature: Alex Beaudin and Thomas Dalton
 The Public Speaking Prize: Jesse Caruso
 E. C Moodey Debating Prize: Nabeel Ahmed and Jarren Fefer
 Les Prix de Distinction en français:
 Français Régulier – Oliver Baron
 Français Enrichi – Matteo Ingelmo, Dylan Kalaydjian
 Français Plus – John Duncan
 The Moodey Prize for Distinction in Mathematics:
 SN Math – Todd Houghton, Harry Hosker
 CST Math – Jesse Caruso
 The Prize for Distinction in Calculus: Alex Beaudin
 Distinction in Chemistry: Alex Beaudin
 Distinction in Physics: Alex Beaudin
 The McGill Science Award: Harry Hosker
 Prize for Computer Media: Jesse Caruso
 The Yearbook Prize: Jesse Caruso, Noah Kader
 The Prize for Distinction in Contemporary World et Monde Contemporain:
 Giuliano Cucciniello (English),
 Ben Milner (French)
 The Prize for Distinction in Economics: Eric Zimmermann
 The D.W. Christie History Prize: Massimo Di Silvestro
 The Prize for Distinction in Political Science: William Zicha
 The Troubetzkoy Prize for Social Studies: Dylan Kalaydjian
 The McGill Award of Excellence In the Social Sciences: Will McLernon

Special Awards:

Thomas Henry Pentland Molson Prize for General Excellence: Nabeel Ahmed
 Governor General's Bronze Medal for Academic Distinction in the Secondary School: Alex Beaudin
 YMCA Community Service Award: Israel Tamale
 Massi Prize for Effort: Max Buck, James McDonald
 Millennium Prize (donated by the Class of 1999): Israel Tamale
 The Redpath Herald Award: Maureen Powers
 Thomas Chalmers Brainerd Memorial Award: Dylan Kalaydjian
 The Jeffrey Russell Prize: Nabeel Ahmed
 The Lucas Memorial Medal: Giuliano Cucciniello



Giuliano Cucciniello receives the Lucas Memorial Medal from Board Chairman Jonathan Golbloom (left) and Senior School Head Mike Downey.



Nabeel Ahmed receives the Jeffrey Russell Prize from Board Member Vince Guzzo.



Dylan Kalaydjian receives the Thomas Chalmers Brainerd Memorial Award from Mark Watson.

Class of 2017 Academic Destinations



Nabel Ahmed	Marianopolis	Health Science
Angus Aitken	Marianopolis	Honours Pure and Applied
Anthony Amato	Centennial	
Nick Angelis	Middlesex	
Thomas Bâby	John Abbott	Pure and Applied
Aymeric Barbeau	Dawson	Pure and Applied
Oliver Baron	Dawson	Commerce
Alex Beaudin	Marianopolis	Honours Pure and Applied
Gregorio Bontoux Serres	Marianopolis	Pure and Applied
Max Buck	TCS	
Justin Calandriello	Marianopolis	Commerce
Alex Cannon	LCC	
Elliott Carlier	Brébeuf	Pure and Applied IB
Jesse Caruso	Dawson	Graphic Design
Carl Chahroui	Marianopolis	Commerce
David Charette	Hotel Institute Montreux	Business Administration
Giuliano Cucciniello	Marianopolis	Honours Commerce
Thomas Dalton	Dawson	Health Science
Thomas Dariotis	Marianopolis	Social Science with Math
Luca Di Battista	Marianopolis	Pure and Applied
Michael Di Lazzaro	John Abbott	Social Science
Massimo Di Silvestro	Marianopolis	Liberal Arts
Thomas Doheny	TCS	
Oliver Dubrovsky	Dawson	Social Science
Jack Duncan	Marianopolis	Health Science
Will Elkas	Marianopolis	Honours Commerce
Eli Erdstein	TCS	
Jarren Fefer	Marianopolis	Law, Society and Justice
Hamza Fevens	Marianopolis	Pure and Applied
Henry Gauthier	TCS	
Noah Gelber	AFS (Italy)	Interculture Canada
David Giroux	Marianopolis	Law, Society and Justice
Dylan Green	Marianopolis	Commerce

Vittorio Guzzo	St. Paul's
O'Shae Ho-Sang	PG Year
Harry Hosker	John Abbott
Todd Houghton	Dawson
Nicolas Huot	Marianopolis
Matteo Ingelmo	Marianopolis
Alexander Johnson	Marianopolis
Noah Kader	Groton
Dylan Kalaydjian	Hotchkiss
Henri Lajeunesse	Marianopolis
Bryan Landsberger	UCC
Matthew Levine	John Abbott
Nico Little	Marianopolis
James McDonald	LCC
Will McLernon	Class Afloat
Benjamin Milner	LCC
Charles Morin	Marianopolis
Andrew Mullins-Grant	St. Paul's
Josh Naimer	Marianopolis
Kyle Oberfeld	Millbrook
Noah Ouellette	Brébeuf
Holden Powell	Marianopolis
Oliver Quon	Middlesex
Peter Reford	Marianopolis
Vincent Rizzolo	St. Paul's
Benjamin Roy	Bishop's College School
Johan Scheibler	LCC
Joseph Silla	Dawson
Jake Star	Dawson
Tyler Stern	Marianopolis
Israel Tamale	UWC Atlantic College (Wales)
William Zicha	Dawson
Eric Zimmermann	Marianopolis

Ho-Sang brilliant in Gryphons' first time at GMAA Juvenile D1 basketball finals

By Michael Bird, Selwyn House Athletic Department

A dominant performance by graduating point guard **O'Shae Ho-Sang 2017** softened the blow of the Gryphons losing an intense final in their first trip to the GMAA Division 1 Juvenile Basketball Championships.

After a rocky opening few minutes, Selwyn House rallied and made this final one of the most exciting games played in SHS history. The Wednesday, March 1 match-up pitted Selwyn against the top-seeded home team, Riverdale High School, in a game that finished 74-68 for the favoured squad from Pierrefonds.

A rowdy crowd featuring many supporters from both sides added pressure to an already energetic game setting.

Trailing 13-2 early, and leading some to feel that the match wasn't going to be close, the Gryphons found their poise and made the game a crazy, back-and-forth affair. A number of lead changes ensued as the fourth quarter saw Selwyn pull ahead by 10 points with just over four minutes to play. After calling a time out with the score at 64-54 in favour of Selwyn, Riverdale came out firing through a combination of relentless defensive pressure and two clutch three-point baskets to help close the gap. When the final buzzer sounded, Riverdale celebrated their six-point victory at mid-court.

Selwyn walked off the court with their heads held high, however. Head Coach Alfie Paoletti was quoted as being "proud of the kids," and reinforced that it was a "team effort" that made the event such a "great high-school game!"

It was impossible to not notice the outstanding play of Grade 11 guard O'Shae Ho-Sang, who dominated the game offensively with a 35-point performance. According to Selwyn teacher and basketball coach Jon Merritt, who was in attendance, Ho-Sang "played his best game as a Selwyn student," making his final contest in Black and Gold an unforgettable moment in the school's athletic history.

Seemingly able to do whatever he pleased on the court, Ho-Sang was a nightmare for the Riverdale defenders, who simply had no answer for his aggressive slashes to the basket. Beautiful, acrobatic scoring finishes drew fouls and free-throw attempts on multiple possessions as the Gryphons pushed ahead in the second half.

Despite coming up short right at the very end, this year's edition of the Gryphons flagship basketball team left supporters in awe, coaches beaming with pride, and younger players within the program inspired by what could lie ahead for them in the very near future.

"This was a phenomenal team," says Selwyn House Director of Athletics Mike Maurovich. With a 9-2 regular season they not only made the GMAA finals, but also won the Loyola



O'Shae Ho-Sang in action against St. George's

and LCC Tournaments and were CAIS U-18 Division 3 Champions, a season record that earned them the David Tobias Memorial Cup at the Selwyn House Athletic Celebration.

"It's a tremendous testament to that group of students, as well as to their coaches, Alfie Paoletti and Matt Addona," Mr. Maurovich says.

Old Boy Updates

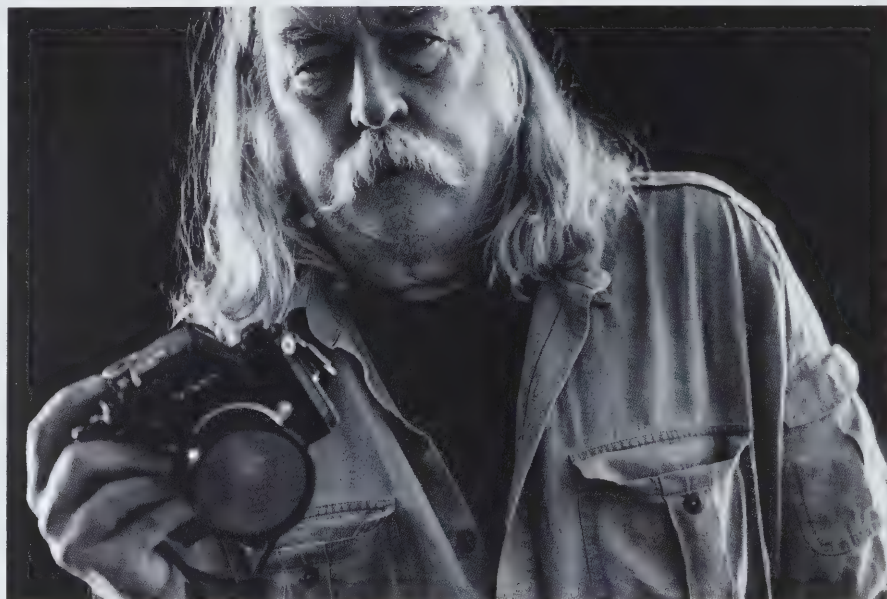
Martin Smith

"I am between movies at the moment," writes **Paul Martin Smith '67**. "My last was *London Has Fallen*, which took me to Sofia, Bulgaria and London for eight months, a long time away from home. The film made \$207 million worldwide on a \$60-million budget.

The IMDB website tells us that Martin is also known for his work on *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* (1999) and *Behind Enemy Lines* (2001).

He has been married, since 1991, to LA-based Scottish food stylist Valerie Aikman Smith. The couple lived for a time in London on a houseboat on the Thames in Chelsea.

Martin is the stepson of Scottie Frances Scott Fitzgerald Smith, daughter of F. Scott Fitzgerald and Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald. He started working as a film editor on documentaries, television shows



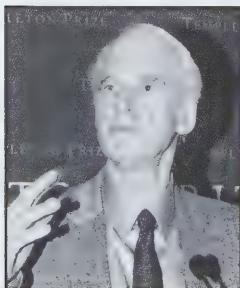
and commercials and music videos. He lived in London for many years and became a member of the Guild of British Film Editors (the British cousin to A.C.E.)

Had an American father and French mother and speaks English, French

and Spanish due to the fact that he spent time in France, Belgium, Montreal and Spain.

He studied photography at the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, D.C.

1946



McGill Professor **Charles Taylor '46**, one of the world's foremost philosophers and co-author of the 2008 Bouchard-Taylor Report on reasonable accommodation

of minorities in Quebec, has reversed his stand on banning religious dress for persons in positions of authority, as reflected in an open letter he wrote to *La Presse* on February 14.

1973

In February, 2016 **Edward (Ted) Claxton ('73)** established Claxton Business Law, his own practice in Montreal, after 29 years practicing



mergers and acquisitions law at Stikeman Elliott LLP and two years at Dentons Canada LLP. Ted is continuing to practice corporate law with a focus

on acquisitions and joint ventures, and is pleased to be able to offer fee arrangements that address the financial realities of his business clients.

1974

Nick Hopkinson '74 writes: I retired a few years ago as Director of the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office policy forum, Wilton Park. I worked in 36 countries, and in particular helped the accession of 13 Nordic, Eastern and

Southern European countries to the European Union through high-level roundtables and reports. I now find myself campaigning against Brexit as chair of the Liberal Democrat European Group and chair of London4Europe, the London branch of the European Movement. It takes an upbringing in Montreal and the excellent SHS education to appreciate the benefits of membership in a larger grouping!"

1977

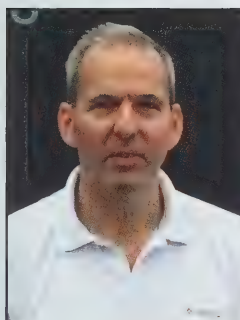
Tomas Kaufman, Michael Leclair, and Filip Papich, all '77, recently got together for a ski day in Stowe. "After 40 years, friendship has always been, and is still going strong!" writes Michael. classmates Manlio Marescotti and Bruce Williams were also part of this get-together but were not present for photo. (See following page.)

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Tomas Kaufman, Michael Leclair, and Filip Papich

1985



Jonathan Kay '85 resigned as editor of *The Walrus* magazine on May 12, 2017, a day after his regular column in *The National Post* came to the defence

of a colleague who advocated for the freedom of writers to fictionalize about cultures other than their own.

Jon wrote in support of such “cultural appropriation” as free speech. The incident re-opened an old sore among Canada’s cultural communities.

Jon insists his decision to step down was not over disagreements within *The Walrus*, or even over cultural appropriation, but for more “mundane” reasons, which he discusses in a rather funny May 16 follow-up column in the *Post*.

1995

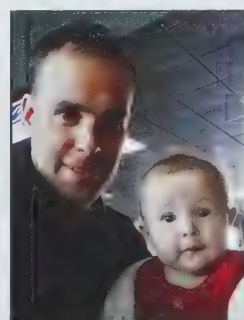
Joel Lowsky '95 recently successfully defended his dissertation and was awarded his Doctor of Education degree from the University of New England



From left: Jonathan Blanshay, Paul Spaniel, Brent Sheldon and Robbie Mason—all class of '84—got together at the end of April for a group 50th birthday weekend celebration in South Beach, Miami, where Brent now lives.

in May 2017. He completed his Master’s in Education from Pepperdine University in 2013. Joel lives with his wife, Jane, and their daughters, Kate and Emily, on the campus of Northfield Mount Hermon School in western Massachusetts, where Joel is Director of Educational Technology. Joel and Jane welcome SHS alums and their families to campus as visitors or students. Joel is fortunate to call **Ben Sharp** and **Tal Pinchevsky**, both 1995 Old Boys, among his closest friends. They attended his wedding in Lake Placid, NY, in 2014.

1997



Ian Marquis '97 sent us a photo of him and his daughter, Sydney Sophia, born Dec. 3, 2016. His partner is Shanna Giannakis.

2000



Randy Naami 2000 writes: “Following my studies at Selwyn House, Marianopolis College, and McGill University, I decided to pursue an

exciting career in real estate brokerage and real estate investment. I now serve many Old Boys looking to sell and purchase both residential and commercial real estate. I became affiliated with Sotheby’s International Realty and opened a private office in the heart of Old Montreal. I would love the opportunity to share my real estate journey with my fellow Old Boys.”

Jonathan Brun 2000 married Emilie Champagne in July 2016.

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Blomfield wedding

Hugo Blomfield '95 married Yatawee Thummakul on March 25, 2017 in Hua Hin, Thailand. The photo at right includes the following Old Boys also from '95 (from left to right): **Tal Pinchevsky**, **John MacDonald**, **Franco San Gregorio**, **Rick Mezey**, and **Rob Fagnoli**.



2002



Selwyn House Old Boys **Jaimin Kerner** '94 (centre) and **Torrey Mitchell** 2002 (right) are seen here with Dominic Moore of the Boston Bruins on October 22, 2016, shortly after Torrey and the Montreal Canadiens defeated the Bruins in Boston. Jaimin and Dominic graduated in the same class at Harvard. Photo by Torrey's dad, retired Selwyn House Athletic Director Steve Mitchell.

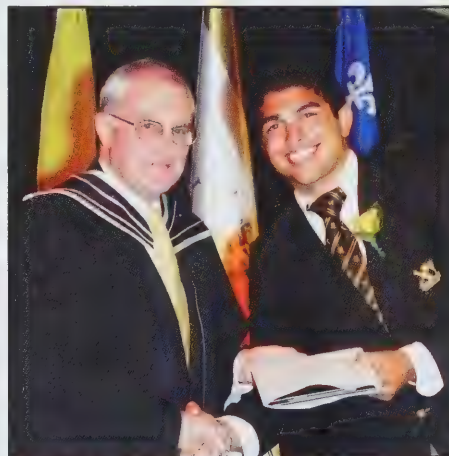
2004

Selwyn House Middle/Senior Social Studies Teacher **Jonathan Merritt** (also an Old Boy from the Class of 2004) was interviewed on-air August 30, 2016 by Andrea Howick of Global News.



Jon was telling about his recent trip to France, where he toured the Juno Beach Battlefield and nearby historical sites.

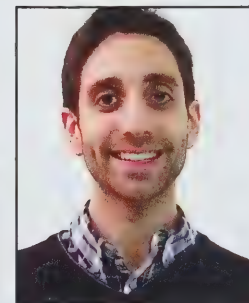
2008



Evan Sequeira 2008, seen here graduating from Selwyn House, recently posted an interesting blog about career choices. "I was meeting with the

founder of a private equity firm, and he couldn't believe that I made the move from the trading floor of a major Canadian bank to a start-up non-profit. He called me a moron," Evan wrote. Check out Evan's blog on LinkedIn.

2009



Mike Cohen 2009 writes: After completing my BCom from McGill in accounting, I did their graduate program in Chartered Accounting from May 2015 to

July 2016. I just wrote the CPA exam in September, a three-day exam totaling 13 hours. In December, I found out that I had passed this exam! Now I am working full time at KPMG as an auditor, and have been there since a summer internship in 2013. I can be reached at michaelcohen@kpmg.ca.

Josh and Jamie Koenekoop (both 2009) took home top Senior B awards for the Penguins, who swept all three playoff series in the Westmount Hockey

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League. Josh was named Regular Season MVP and Jamie Playoff MVP.

2010



Matthew Herman 2010, writes: In February, **Weston Clarke**, **Alex Mashaal** and I (all 2010) met for a mini-reunion in Los Angeles, where both Weston and Alex currently reside. We all recently began new chapters of our lives: Weston works for Uber as an Operations Manager in Santa Monica and Alex studies real estate finance at UCLA. I currently live in Toronto and work in management consulting at Accenture. In the photo, from left to right, are: Matthew, Alex, Weston and friend Oliver (Bialik 2010).

2011



Michael Forian 2011 was recently appointed as a political advisor within the Quebec Liberal government of Premier Philippe Couillard. He will be



Kyam Shell-Schnitzer (centre) married Carly Caruso in October, surrounded by two of his good SHS buddies, Warren Davis (left) and Matthew Hendy, all Class of 2001.

working out of Montreal and Quebec City at the National Assembly while completing his degree in Indigenous Affairs at Concordia University.

2012

David Smith 2012 was the subject of an extended profile in October 14, 2016 issue of the *Vermont-New Hampshire Valley News*. David is getting a lot of attention for his rise to the position of star kicker for the Dartmouth College Big Green. Last fall, David and Dartmouth came from a 21st-placed ranking to beat Princeton 17-10 in the Ivy League football crown and take home the oldest trophy in football.

2014

Sam Barmish 2014 led the Canadian Wrestling Team at the 2017 Maccabiah Games with a silver medal in freestyle wrestling, the best performance on the Canadian Team.

It was Sam's first Maccabiah Games, which is one of the largest and most

prestigious multi-sport games in the world and is held every four years in Israel, for Jewish athletes all over the world.

As this issue of *Veritas* goes to press, he is preparing to depart for Abjidan, Ivory Coast, where he will represent Quebec at the 2017 Jeux de la Francophonie. On January 28, 2017, Sam won a bronze medal at the University of Western Ontario Invitational Wrestling Tournament in London, Ontario.

JJ Molson 2014 was featured in articles



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Gryphons forever!

Selwyn House parent Karen Anderson submitted this post-game photo shot after a TCS-UCC football game Saturday October 29, 2016. These boys may be wearing different uniforms now, but we all know they'll be Gryphons forever. From left: **Geoffrey Baxter 2017**, **Matthew Lindsey 2016**, **Josh Archibald-Cimon 2015**, **Yassin Belkhou 2016**, **Drew Anderson 2016**, **Manu Ferreira 2016** and **Oliver Maurovich 2009**.



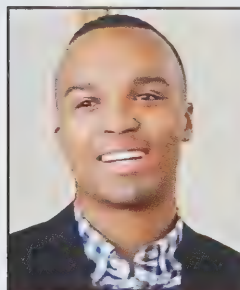
in the August and October 2016 issues of the *Los Angeles Times* about his exploits at UCLA football training camp. Search on the *Times* website.

2015



Nolan Bedard 2015 won The Gilman Dorr Blake, Jr. Football Medal, the only football award given by St. Paul's School at their graduation ceremonies on May 30. Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Dorr Blake in memory of their son, Gilman Dorr Blake, Jr. of the Form of 1941, who gave his life for his

country on January 20, 1945, the winner must be a worthy exponent not only of football ability but also of true sportsmanship.



Nicholas Johnson, who graduated from Selwyn House as Head Prefect in 2015, and is now studying at Princeton University, returned to the school on February 2 to give a talk to Grade 9 students about the benefits and rewards of the Vimy Scholarship. He talked about his own experience as a

scholarship winner and of the advantages to students of participating in the program.



The Bloomfield family were photographed at the Kiyomizu-dera Temple in Kyoto, Japan in January. From left: James Bloomfield 2007, Dr. Andrew Bloomfield 2005 (a recent M.D.), a honeymoon couple who agreed to pose with them, Jon Bloomfield 2003 and mother, Nancy Bloomfield. Photo taken by Harry Bloomfield QC '59.



Parent Vounteers, back row, from left: Jeanine Khoury, Rinku Chaterji, Lorna Denham, Carolyn Zigayer, Karen Anderson, Nancy Berny, Joyce McCauley, Nicole Kappos and Jennifer Radowitz. Front: Jing Yang, Karen Aziz, Anny Vallières and Salima Davies.

Obituary: former teacher David Williams

Retired Selwyn House teacher David Williams was born on September 12, 1932, in Montreal, Quebec, and, after a brief but difficult struggle with cancer, died on Saturday, October 8, 2016, at the Peace Arch Hospital in White Rock, B.C. He is survived by his sister, Elizabeth Schieck (Kingston, Ont.), his brother, Les Williams (Illa) (White Rock, BC) and many nieces and nephews and pre-deceased by his brothers Francis and Raymond and his Mother, Marthe and his Father, Raymond Charles.

David lived his childhood days in Beauharnois, Quebec, and then attended Montreal High School. And, it was in Montreal at the School of Fine Arts where he developed a lifelong passion both for painting and sculpting. He went to Sir George Williams University, studied education and gained his teaching credentials as a French teacher

at McDonald College.

His vocation for the future was now set, as he taught and was an administrator at Bishop's College School and Stanstead College, and then he taught French at Northfield Mount Herman School in Massachusetts. During his tenure at Stanstead, David enjoyed a sabbatical for a year by studying at Oxford University in the UK, where he gained an Advanced Certificate in Education.

His final destination in his teaching career was Selwyn House School, where he spent more than a decade teaching French and, in later years as a fundraiser and the Director of Alumni.

David will forever be remembered by his many students for his French teaching but also for his genial, humorous and very lively personality, which always brought smiles to their faces. Philanthropic activity and politics were keen interests of David. He was active in the Unitarian

Church and the Liberal Party of Canada. And he loved travelling the world and also sailing with his brother, Les and Lila, off the BC coast and elsewhere.

David will be missed by friends in Montreal, Toronto and White Rock, BC, where he eventually retired. At David's request, there was no funeral service.



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Drummond Birks on his 97th birthday. Standing, from left: Jonathan Birks '60, Randall Birks '88. Seated, Maria Birks, Drummond Birks '33 and Ann Birks.

Old Boy Descendants:

Sons:
Barrie '65
Jonathan '60
Thomas '61

Grandsons:
Bradley '97
Randall '88
Great-grandsons:
Matthew 2027
William 2024

Educated at Selwyn House School, Montreal; St. Andrew's College, Aurora; and McGill University. Married Muriel Anne Scobie on April 4, 1942, who died on February 19, 1979, and by whom he had three sons, Jonathan (Maria), Thomas (Linda) and the late Barrie (Ann); and two daughters, Lynn (Judith Wit) and Cynthia (Salvatore Rinaldi) of Toronto. Married secondly to Anne Charlotte Lohéac on February 10, 1984, which gave him his stepson Erik Richer La Flèche (Carolina). He was blessed with 18 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. A private service was held at the Mount Royal Cemetery on Tuesday, July 4. At his request, there will be no memorial service. The family would like to warmly thank his caregiver Fely at Place Kensington, as well as the superb medical team at the Montreal General Hospital for their conscientious care. Donations in his memory and may be sent to the charity of your choice. *Gazette* obituary

1933

George Drummond Birks '33, son of Henry and Lilian (Drummond) passed away on June 23, 2017 at Place Kensington, Montreal.

1936

Edmond Joly-de-Lotbiniere '36 passed away on Wednesday, February 5 at Hôpital du Saint Sacrement in Quebec at the age of 91. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1952 after serving in the Royal Canadian Navy during WWII. Served as Second Secretary and Consul, Canadian Embassy, the Hague, 1954-58. Served as Assistant Secretary to the Governor General, 1959-1961, during the term of office of Vincent Massey and Georges Vanier. Served as First Secretary, Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, 1961-65. Was appointed Extraordinary Gentleman Usher by H.M. the Queen 1961-65. Was appointed Deputy Head Consular Division, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, 1967-69. Served as Assistant Secretary to the Governor General of Canada 1976-84 during the terms of office of Jules Léger and Edward Schreyer. In 1982, he was awarded the rank of Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order by H.M. the Queen.

He was the loving husband of Francine (née Benoit), beloved father of Alain, Michel, Pauline and Christine, and a beloved grandfather to Sophie Alexia, Madeleine, Francine, Benjamin, and David. Edmond and Francine have inspired in all their children a passion for the mountains, nature, music and the arts. He was a man of distinction, generosity, and kindness, born the only son and sole inheritor of one of the oldest seigneuries in Canada, given to René-Louis Chartier de Lotbinière in 1672 by Jean Talon, the intendant to Louis XIV. The seigneurie remained in the family until 1967, when it was acquired by the Quebec government and subsequently sold to a foundation created to preserve and develop the historic property. In keeping with his wishes there was no service or visitation, a private burial will be held at a later date. In memoriam donations in his name may be made to the Foundation du Domaine Joly-de-Lotbinière (www.domainejoly.com)

Globe and Mail obituary

1939

Huntly Drummond Millar '39 passed away peacefully at home on April 11, 2016 in Houston, Texas after a short illness.

Huntly was born in Montréal, Quebec on October 22, 1927 to Mary Dorothea Drummond Millar and Eric Albany Millar. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Glenda M. Thiele, their daughter Amy Elizabeth, granddaughter Emerald Joanne and their son Russell Eric Millar. He is also survived by his sisters, Dorothea McNiven of Montreal and Fiona Millar of Avignon, France, and many nephews and nieces.

An accomplished biomedical engineer and entrepreneur, he started his career in the early 1950s in Montreal, earning a Bachelor of Science from McGill University. He left Montreal in the 1950s to work with Dr. Les Geddes in the establishment of the Bioengineering department at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He continued his education with a Master of Science from the University of

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1934

George Nation '34, father to **Andrew '74**, **Edwin (Ted) '72**, and **Christopher '68**; grandfather to **Thomas 2006**, died peacefully at the age of 97 on March 12, 2017 at his home in Victoria, BC after many years of remarkably good health.

He was the devoted husband of Ann

Massy Nation (née Goolden), father to Maddie Goolden, Christopher Nation (Betty), Ted Nation (Susie) and Andrew Nation (Wendy); grandfather to Oliver Goolden, Rachel Goolden, Gill Morgan, Katie Nation, Vanessa Nation, Sarah Nation, Thomas Nation, Matthew Nation and Sophie Nation; great-grandfather to Eva, Grace and Elizabeth Goolden.

Born in 1919 to Arthur 'Carrie' Nation and Madeleine Hanson, George was their only son and brother to Barbara Gail West, who predeceased him in 1967.

He attended many schools as his parents moved frequently, including Selwyn House School in Montreal, Trinity College School in Port Hope and St. George's School in Vancouver. In 1936, George enrolled at McGill University joining the Zeta Psi fraternity while ultimately completing his Commerce degree at UBC in 1946.

He joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1939 and was soon assigned to the Signals Division serving as a liaison officer to the Royal Norwegian Navy on the King Haakon VII and participating in the invasion of Sicily. George ended his war career as a Lieutenant Commander on the Prince Henry supporting the D-Day invasion.

George returned to BC after the war, and went into partnership in a farm in Duncan, raising baby chicks. The venture was not successful except that he met his future bride, Ann Goolden

while on the farm, introduced to him by his sister Barbara. The courtship was swift, and they were married in 1947.

After the farm, George joined Dominion Securities in Victoria, rising through the ranks of office management and institutional sales in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal before leaving the firm in 1973 as an Executive Vice- President. His unemployment was brief and he joined Crang & Ostiguy later that year, where he worked happily for five years before transferring to Victoria in 1978 to open an office for Richardson Greenshields.

His long retirement in Victoria allowed him to fulfill his interests in painting, languages, tropical fish and above all, a keen passion and tremendous talent for gardening. Together with his wife, Ann, they created two superb gardens at their house on Beach Drive and later on Yale Street in Oak Bay. Ann launched the Victoria Conservatory of Music Musical Garden Tour, which George supported with an annual plant sale. George became the longest serving member of the Union Club of Victoria.

At his request, there was no funeral service. Instead, George asked that his ashes be scattered on the rose bushes which he tended for many years hoping that visitors and passersby will continue to enjoy them for years to come.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Victoria Conservatory of Music would be gratefully received.

Houston, and a Diploma in Classical Physiology with Modern Instrumentation from Baylor University.

In 1957 he founded E&M Instrument Company, developing and manufacturing laboratory teaching instrumentation for physiology and pharmacology in medical schools. This company then joined Narco Biosystems in 1961. After eight successful years, he decided it was time for a change.

In 1969 Huntly founded what was then Millar Instruments, Inc. to develop catheter tip pressure sensors for measuring intracardiac pressures. Starting from a workshop in his garage, the company is now known around the world for developing

and manufacturing unique devices for invasive physiological pressure and volume measurement in the body. For the last forty six years, Millar devices have been used by doctors and researchers to improve the lives of patients and aid in the development and testing of innovative, lifesaving drugs. The company is now known as Millar, Inc. and carries on his legacy of producing innovative products for clinical and research use.

In addition to his successful business ventures, Huntly had a taste for adventure. An avid motorcycle rider in his youth, he also enjoyed downhill skiing, was an accomplished private pilot and a ham radio operator. His many adventures included

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a motorcycle trip with another rider across North Africa around the Mediterranean and through Europe shortly after the end of WWII. Spending time working in lumber camps in the forests of Canada also provided some tales of youthful adventure. He was shipwrecked in Hudson's Bay in 1947 as a member of the crew of R.M.S. Nascope when she ran aground on an uncharted reef.

He carried a love of the outdoors throughout his life. He enjoyed walks through the woods in East Texas and was skilled at handling a canoe. Family weekends in the country allowed him to share those endeavors with his wife and children, while also working in some relaxing fishing.

By his side since 1962, his wife, Glenda was instrumental in getting Millar Instruments off the ground. She played a very active role in the beginning of the business and then stepped away to be able to devote time to caring for their two young children.

He and Glenda traveled the world together, including Europe, Japan, Canada and the Caribbean. There was a special fondness for the scenery and people of Jamaica. While Amy and Russell were growing up there was a family tradition of spending two weeks around Christmas in the town of Runaway Bay on the North Coast of Jamaica. The days were filled with snorkeling over the scenic coral reefs, body surfing, reading and relaxing.

A recent joy in his life was the arrival of his granddaughter, Emerald. Once Emerald was old enough and showed an interest in swimming, they had a shared passion and would spend hours in the pool when she came to visit.

He was a gifted engineer and scientist, as well as very talented businessman. He had an optimistic outlook and worked very hard for the success that he enjoyed. Huntly felt privileged to have worked with many talented people and was very modest and humbled by the high regard he was held in by members of the professional community.

His innovative, high-quality devices earned him the Laufman-Greatbatch Prize from the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) in 2001. The Laufman-Greatbatch Prize recognizes individuals for their outstanding service and/or accomplishment with a major impact on a specific medical device or on medical instrumentation in general.

He was a lifetime member of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the world's largest professional association for the advancement of technology, fostering technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity.

In 2011 the Houston Business Journal selected him as one of its "Health Care Heroes" in the category of "Innovator" for his 40 years of inventing medical devices to help diagnose disease

in humans and contribute to the body of medical knowledge. He held twenty eight U. S. patents on his inventions.

He endowed the MillarGeddes Graduate Scholarship at Purdue University in 2015 and has underwritten the annual Cardiovascular Research Retreat at Johns Hopkins University since 2009.

The company that bears his name, along with its legacy and its people, was one of Huntly's proudest achievements. Millar, Inc. stands as a shining example of Huntly Millar's concern for the welfare of his employees and the quality of the products they produce. Always leading by example, Huntly Millar inspired research engineers and product assemblers to constantly strive for improvement, taking pride in developing and producing defect-free, innovative products on schedule. He was a pioneer in the field of medical research and his leadership will be missed.

As a beloved husband, father, and grandpa, his loss is deeply felt by the family he leaves behind. His was, however, a life well lived, and the happy memories far outweigh the sad.

Services were held at Forest Park Lawndale, Houston, Texas.

Published in the *Houston Chronicle* on Apr. 21, 2016

1950

The Honourable William P. McKeown, Q.C., Selwyn House Class of 1950, passed away suddenly but peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at the age of 80. Bill will be deeply missed by his wife of 51 years, Betty, his children Bill (Kelsey), Shelagh (Dave), Paul (Kelly) and Kelly Anne and his grandchildren Cade, Heath, Logan, Caitlin, George, Caroline, William, Grace, Finlay and Adelaide and his many lifelong friends whom he treasured.

Bill was born March 10, 1936 to William and Doris McKeown in Quebec City and was raised in Montreal. He attended McGill University and University of Toronto Law School. Upon graduating from law school, Bill began an esteemed legal career that took him to Canadian General Electric, before co-founding the law firm of Stephens, French and McKeown. He was appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario in 1987. After honourably serving for six years he was appointed to the Federal Court of Canada and named Chairman of the Canadian Competition Tribunal, where he remained for nine years.

Bill's passion for the law was surpassed only by his great love for his wife, family, Notre Dame Football and his beloved Boston terriers. Many of his favourite moments were spent with family and friends in St. Andrew's by the Sea, Stowe, Vermont and Florida.

A visitation was held on Friday, November 11, the Funeral Mass on November 12, both in Toronto.

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1967

Nelson Johnstone Vermette '67 passed away on January 21, 2012, at the age of 61. Predeceased by his mother and father, Alice Johnstone and Nelson Sr. He leaves his wife, Sylvie Lafleur, stepson Bruno Coallier, other relatives, friends, neighbours, and of course, his cherished dog MacDuff. An only child, Nelson was raised in hotels, the first being The Queen Elizabeth, which his father opened in Montreal in the 1950s. He worked for several federal government departments, retiring from Industry Canada. He was a gourmet cook, a voracious reader, and a Scrabble and Trivial Pursuit player par excellence. He traveled the world and had great respect for history, culture and people. Nelson was a polyglot who spoke English, French, Mandarin and some bad Punjabi and Spanish. He will be sorely missed. A service to celebrate Nelson's life was held at All Saints' Anglican Church in Ottawa.

Ottawa Citizen obituary

1968

Peter Ramsay Nares '68 died on April 5, 2016, his 66th birthday, from an aggressive form of chronic lymphocytic leukemia. He was surrounded by his loving family during his last hours.

Peter is survived by his devoted partner, Anne; his darling children, Luke (Josée Wilson) and Kelly (Tobias Witteveen); his cherished grandchildren, Felix and Audrey Witteveen; his loving mother, Hazel and sister, Nancy. Peter also leaves behind his nieces and nephew, brothers and sisters-in-law, and many friends.

Peter faced his illness and mortality with courage and honesty. He was truly an inspiration as he welcomed open discussions and full emotional expression regarding both the meaning and the end of life.

Peter moved around a lot as a child and as a young teenager attended Bishop's College School in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Peter received a Bachelor of Arts from Carleton University and later a Bachelor of Social Work from York University.

The repressive environment at boarding school and the sixties counterculture framed the narrative for the rest of his life. Social justice was the concept that would catalyze virtually every big decision he made from high school onwards.

Peter's contribution to social services began in 1974 as a childcare worker. Frustrated by what he experienced in his efforts to provide optimal care, he became convinced that changes needed to be made systemically. This led to Peter's first position in social policy with the Ontario Social Development Council (OSDC). Peter started Social and Enterprise Development Innovations (SEDI) in 1986, as a division of OSDC, later evolving into an independent, national non-

profit in 1995. Under Peter's leadership, the organization was a vehicle for generating, testing and bringing to scale new and effective ideas to reduce poverty by fostering economic independence. Examples of these include the Self-Employment Benefit Program, enabling disadvantaged individuals to start their own businesses; the Registered Disability Savings Bond, helping safeguard funds for those living with disabilities; and the Federal Task Force on Financial Literacy, supporting a truly inclusive economy in which everyone has the opportunity to save for and invest in their dreams. He also worked alongside other national non-profits to pioneer the asset-building and matched savings movement. This work continues to flourish within the organization which was recently re-named Prosper Canada.

In a statement by Charles Coffey, Officer of the Order of Canada, Peter is described as one who embodies "the essence of enlightened compassionate leadership and has given voice to those who have none... He has set a standard of excellence that will be a lasting legacy."

In 2008, Peter was awarded a senior fellowship with Ashoka—a global association of leading social entrepreneurs, in recognition of his vision, commitment and innovative solutions to some of society's most pressing challenges.

Peter also had many interests: gardening, hiking, golfing, hockey, football and coaching. From a young age he was drawn to the water and loved to be "near it, on it, or in it."

Fishing, for Peter, was a treasured time for reflection. Peter believed that it is our responsibility to be informed about the world. He was a voracious reader on many topics, from current events to Russian literature. He also loved music, with a special appreciation of rock music.

One of his regrets in life was passing on the opportunity to attend Woodstock, thinking it would be a "bummer."

One of Peter's qualities that will be most remembered by all those who knew him was his ability to authentically share himself and encouraging others to do the same. He touched the lives of many and improved the lives of many more. He will be deeply missed.

As an expression of sympathy, please consider making a donation in Peter's name to Prosper Canada (formerly SEDI), (www.prospercanada.org).

Globe and Mail obituary





Founder's Day 2017

The Board of Directors and the Headmaster of Selwyn House invite you to celebrate the founding of the school and to honour the 2017 Speirs Medal recipients,

Lorna and Michael Denham

Both Selwyn House parents, Michael is a Former Chair of the Selwyn House Association Board of Directors, a Board Member since 2011, and a Member of the Veritas Board of Trustees. Lorna is a Former Co-chair and Incoming Chair of the Parent Association and a 2014 recipient of the Nancy Pitfield Memorial Award for Volunteerism.

RSVP by November 17, 2017

Thursday, November 23, 2017

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Selwyn House School

95 Chemin Côte St-Antoine

Presentations will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Spouses and guests are most welcome.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

The Old Boys' Association will announce the 2017 Honorary Old Boys.

Selwyn House School is a private English boys' school from Kindergarten to Grade 11, leading to a Quebec Secondary School Diploma.

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Great Minds, Big Hearts

Open House

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

4 - 7 pm: School tours

4:30 pm: Information session for Kindergarten

5:30 pm: Information session for Grade 7

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October 13, November 1, November 16 or
January 16, at 8:30 am

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Westmount (Québec) H3Y 2H8

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39th Annual Old Boys' Reunion

Friday, October 13, 2017

Come back to campus in October and reconnect with your former teachers and friends.
Share stories over dinner and drinks.

All Old Boys, their guests, and former and current staff are welcome.

We hope to see many of you celebrating a special anniversary year
(those years ending in a 7 or a 2).

RSVP at www.selwyn.ca via the Online Event Registration button.

Cancellations: Full refund before October 6. No refunds thereafter.

For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 514-931-9481 ext. 2292

5:00 p.m. Tours of SHS campus

6:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. AGM and Dinner

9:00-10:30 p.m. Pub (Cash Bar)

Tickets: \$65

\$30 for recent grads (2011-2015)

Complimentary dinner for former staff

Cash bar

